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Of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened according to appointment in Trinity Ref. Church, at Dayton, O., in the month of May, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-Six. The sessions commenced on the evening of the Twenty-Seventh and continued until the morning of the fifth day of the month of June.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States convened in the Trinity Reformed church at Dayton, Montgomery Co., Ohio, on Wednesday evening, May 27th, A. D. 1896 at 7:30 o'clock, agreeably to appointment of the last triennial meeting, and was opened with appropriate religious services. In the absence of the President, Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D. D., LL. D., the opening-sermon was preached by the Vice president, Rev. Jno. H. Sechler, D. D., of Philadelphia, Pa., from St. John 18: 38, 1: 46 and 19: 5. What is truth? Come and see — Behold the Man!

At the conclusion of the sermon the Synod was called to order by the Vice president, and formally opened by him with prayer. In the absence of the Stated Clerk, Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., deceased, the provisional synodic roll was then called by the Assistant Clerk, and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

From the Eastern Synod.

Classes.	Ministers.	Elders.
<i>East Pennsylvania</i>	John F. DeLong, ⁷ Silas P. Mauger, James W. Mabry, ⁸ Wilson F. More,	Jacob Rader, ⁷ Howard R. Knecht, ⁷ John F. Reagle, ⁸
<i>Lebanon</i>	Henry Hilbush, ⁷ Thomas C. Leinbach, ⁸	Saml. P. Heilman, M. D. ⁷ John L. J. Stoudt, ⁷
<i>Philadelphia</i>	Jerome B. Henry, John H. Sechler, D. D. Rufus C. Zartman, ⁶ Henry T. Spangler, D. D.	John W. Bickel Esq. Freeland G. Hobson Esq.; ⁸ Jacob S. Sechler, Jones Detweiler, ⁶
<i>Lancaster</i>	John S. Stahr D. D. ⁷ Darius W. Gerhard, Ellis N. Kremer, D. D. James W. Meminger, ⁸	Ezra H. Burkholder, ⁷ John J. Nissley, Jacob Rudy, ⁶ Jefferson E. Kerschner, ⁷
<i>East Susquehanna</i>	Lewis D. Steckel, J. Calvin Leinbach, ⁸	J. R. Hilbush, ⁶ Joseph I. Corbett, ⁷
<i>West Susquehanna</i>	R. Leighton Gerhart, D. D. Albert A. Black,	William F. Brown, ⁵ Prof. Wm. Moyer, ⁶
<i>Goshenhoppen</i>	George B. Walbert, ⁸ Chas. S. Wieand, ⁸	Reuben Riegner, Wm. W. Shelly,
<i>Tohickon</i>	N. Z. Snyder, A. B. Koplin D. D. ⁸	Milton J. Hess. ⁸
<i>Lehigh</i>	Saml. G. Wagner, D. D. ⁸ Thomas J. Hacker, George W. Richards,	George W. Hartzell, ⁷ Reuben H. Kramm, ⁷ Alvin P. Zellner, ⁸
<i>Schuylkill</i>	Robert O. Boyle, Oliver H. Strunck, ⁷	
<i>Wyoming</i>	David W. Ebbert, George S. Sorber, Daniel E. Schoedler, ⁷	Daniel Clinger, ⁷ O. W. Cherrington, ⁸
<i>Reading</i>	John W. Steinmetz, Jno. Phil. Stein,	Daniel N. Schaeffer, ⁷ B. Y. Schearer, ⁸
		<i>Synod of Ohio.</i>
<i>Miami</i>	Charles E. Miller, Reuben Keller, Michael Loucks, D. D.	Benjamin Kuhns, ⁸ Victor P. VanHorne, Ed. J. Williamson,

Classes.	Ministers.	Elders.
<i>Lancaster</i>	Solomon W. Seemann, ⁷ L. B. C. Lahr, ⁸	Geo. S. Stein, M. D. ⁵ Geo. F. Bareis, ⁸
<i>Tuscarawas</i>	Edwin R. Williard, William H. Shultz, Sebastian C. Goss, D. D. ⁷	Jacob P. Zimmerman, Wellington Miller, ⁶ Lewis Andrews,
<i>Tiffin</i>	John H. Steele, John D. Neff, John A. Peters, D. D.	John W. Keller, Nelson L. Brewer, Esq. ⁷
<i>Eastern Ohio</i>	Samuel Z. Beam, D. D. John J. Leberman, D. D. ⁶	Josiah Rohrbaugh, Esq. ⁷ L. W. Raver, ³
<i>St. Joseph</i>	George H. Souder, ⁸ Abraham B. Stoner,	Lewis C. Zechiel,

Synod of the North West.

<i>Zion</i>	Edward Vornholt, John Kuelling, D. D. ⁸ Berchtold Ruf, ⁸	M. Kirsch, ⁶ John Buehrer, Adolf Stolte,
<i>Sheboygan</i>	Herman A. Muehlmeier, D. D. Wilhelm Reinhardt, Frank Grether,	Wilhelm Reinhardt.
<i>Indiana</i>	M. G. I. Stern, D. D. Carl M. Schaaf. Friedr. Kalbfleish, J. G. Rees,	Herman Marcus, Friedr. Welp, ⁵ John W. Brown,
<i>Milwaukee</i>	Heinrich C. Nott,	
<i>Minnesota</i> ..	Henry Treick, ⁷ J. Otto Vitz,	
<i>Nebraska</i>	Friedr. Huellhorst, ⁸	John Gretzinger,
<i>Ursinus</i>	Carl Gustav Zipf,	Geo. Riedesel,
<i>Missouri</i>	Wm. F. Horstmeier,	
<i>Chicago</i>	Arnold Heinemann, ⁸	H. Schanze, ⁸
<i>South Dakota</i>	H. Wilhelm Stienecker,	

Pittsburgh Synod.

<i>Westmoreland</i>	Chas. R. Ferner, ⁸ Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, D. D.	George P. Frey, Chas. A. Granel, ⁷
<i>Clarion</i>	Robert E. Crum, ⁵ Robt. C. Bowling, ⁵	William G. King, J. C. Barnhart,
<i>St. Paul</i>	David B. Lady, D. D. A. Marion Keifer, ⁷	Jacob Moser, ⁵ Jacob Baer,
<i>Somerset</i>	Daniel H. Leader, ⁶ Albert E. Truxal, D. D.	Peter S. Hay, ⁶ Josiah M. Hay, ⁶

Classes.	Ministers.	Elders.
<i>Allegheny</i>	John H. Prugh, D. D. 6 Daniel N. Harnish,	John M. Conroy, 5 Prof. E. Mackey, 8
<i>Synod of Potomac.</i>		
<i>Zion</i>	Aaron Spangler, Francis C. Yost,	Walker A. Dromgold, Daniel H. Weir,
<i>Maryland</i>	Adam S. Weber, Geo. A. Whitmore, J. Spangler Kiefer, D. D. Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D.	Adrian C. McCardell, Jacob H. Cost, J. Fenton Thomas, John T. Brown,
<i>Mercersburg</i>	Isaac N. Peightel, Geo. B. Russel, D. D.	Jacob Heyser, 7 John H. Shook, 5
<i>Virginia</i>	Nehemiah H. Skyles, Henry Ditzler,	Wm. A. Pence, Gen. John E Roller,
<i>North Carolina</i>	James D. Andrew, 8	
<i>Gettysburg</i>	J. Marion Mickley, 7 T. J. Barkley, D. D.	Abraham Hoke, Jacob A Hartman, 8
<i>Carlisle</i>	Miles O. Noll, James M. Runkle, 7	Prof. Lewis B. Kerr, 7 Charles Weirich,
<i>Juniata</i>	Lewis Robb, 8 John W. Pontius, 8 John F. Moyer,	John Brewster, 8 Amos C. Daniels, M. D. 6 John G. Cobler, 5
<i>German Synod of the East.</i>		
<i>New York</i>	Wentzel Walenta, 8 Henry Frech, 8	John Lutz, 8 Henry Berge, 8
<i>West New York</i>	A. Emil Dahlmann, 8 Carl H. Gundlach, 7	H. Kubn.
<i>German Philadelphia</i>	F. W. Berlemann D. D., Philipp Vollmer, Ph. D. 8	Jacob Maybach, August Lange.
<i>German Maryland</i>	Marcus Bachmann, D. D. (9)	Carl Zies.
<i>German W. Pennsylvania</i>	Conrad Borchers, 3	John Graitge, 5
<i>Central Synod.</i>		
<i>Erie</i>	Herman J. Ruetenik, D. D. 7 Frederick Mayer, John H. Stepler, D. D., 3	Fred. J. Brandt, 5 Nikolas Bixler, 7 Christian Diehm.
<i>Heidelberg</i>	Christian Baum, D. D., Peter Greding, D. D., Moritz Noll,	John Marquart, Henry G. Schmidt, John S. Zimmermann.
<i>St. John</i>	Frederick Strassner, 8 Jacob Dahlmann, D. D.,	Andreas Amacher, George Nehr, 7
<i>Cincinnati</i>	William H. Fennemann, 5 John G. Kuhl, 4	Henry W. Tuechter, Christian Uthbrock.

Synod of the Interior.

<i>Illinois</i>	John M. Kendig, D. D., Joel W. Alspach,	John Zollinger.
<i>Iowa</i>	Solomon Ream David H. Forse, ⁷	Henry Tandy, ⁶
<i>Kansas</i>	Henry S. Gekeler, Jno. W. Love, D. D.	Frederick Isely, ⁵ J. W. Kieffer,
<i>Wichita</i>	Dennis B. Shuey,	Joshua P. Remsburg,
<i>Lincoln</i>	David A. Winter,	W. A. Kifer.

1. Rev. C. Cort, D. D., secundus occupied the seat of Rev. R. C. Zartman primarius Wednesday, 7th day to close of the sessions.

2. Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D., secundus occupied the seat of Rev. J. P. Stein primarius from Friday to the close of the session.

3. Elder Christian M. Boush, Esq., secundus occupied the seat of Elder Jacob Moser primarius, from Tuesday to the close of sessions,

4. Rev. John Bachman, D. D., secundus occupied the seat of Rev. John G. Kuhl primarius from Tuesday to the close of the sessions.

5. Rev. Ferdinand O. Zesch, Ph. D., secundus occupied the seat of Rev. Wm. H. Fennemann on Thursday.

6. Rev. Henry S. Garner, secundus occupied the seat of Rev. John H. Prugh D. D., primarius from Tuesday until close of the sessions.

7. Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., secundus occupied the seat of Rev. Geo. B. Russell, D. D., on 3rd day of sessions.

8. Rev. John A. Hoffheins, D. D., secundus occupied the seat of Rev. Henry Ditzler, primarius from Tuesday to close of the sessions.

9. Rev. H. C. Schlueter, secundus occupied the seat of Dr. M. Bachmann, primarius on Monday Morning.

NOTE : The figures at the end of the name indicates the day on which the delegate obtained leave of absence and left Synod.

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT.

The following advisory members were present at one or more sessions of the synod, to wit:-

Eastern Synod.

Phila. Classis. R. v. C. Cort, D. D., Cyrus J. Musser.

West-Susquehanna Classis. Rev. Wm. E. Hoy.

Reading Classis. Revs. C. S. Gerhard, D. D., Rufus W. Miller, Jas. I. Good, D. D., and Elders Jas. T. Reber, Jos. L. Lemberger, and Daniel Miller.

Potomac Synod.

Maryland Classis. Revs. Conrad Clever, D. D., S. S. Miller.

Mercersburg Classis. Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., Wm. M. Irvine, Ph. D., A. S. Deehant.

Virginia Classis. Rev. Jno. A. Hoffheins, D. D.

Carlisle Classis. Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D.

Pittsburgh Synod.

St. Paul Classis. Revs. D. B. Lady, D. D., J. C. Horning; elder, C. M. Boush, Esq.

Allegheny Classis. Revs. P. C. Prugh, D. D., Henry S. Garner.

Synod of Ohio.

Miami Classis. Revs. Wm. A. Hale, D. D., Henry M. Herman, D. D., Ross Wicks, S. V. Rohrbaugh, Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Sam'l B Yockey, D. D., C. E. Ewing, Albert Klinger, F. W. Hoffman. H. L. Hart. R. F. Shultz, Parley E. Zartman, E. Herbruck, G. V. Walker, Wm. E. Ludwig.

Tuscarawas Classis. Rev. Edw. D. Wettach.

Tiffin Classis. Revs. D. Van Horne, D. D., Herman Rust, D. D., John M. Schick, D. D., D. Burghaiter, A. S. Zerbe, D. D., R. B. Reichard.

Eastern Ohio Classis. Revs. John H. Bomberger, Harvey E. Kilmer, J. M. Miller.

St. Joseph Classis. Rev. Allen K. Zartman.

Central Synod.

Erie Classis. Revs. J. H. C. Roentgen, D. D., J. D. Buehrer, L. C. Rettig.

Heidelberg Classis. Revs. P. Ruhl, John Winter, Fred W. Marcus, P. S. Kohler, Wm. C. Shaley.

St. John Classis. Revs. John B. Rust, Chas. Schmitt, A. Krampe, Ernst Krampe, C. H. Schneider, A. G. Lohman, Wm. Grether, John H. Beck.

Cincinnati Classis. Revs. John Bachman, D. D., Fred. O. Zesh, Ph. D., Benj. S. Stern, Anton Seyring, C. Schaaf, D. D., Julius Vollprecht, and Elder F. Wolf.

Synod of the North West.

Zions Classis. Rev. G. M. Hirsch.

Sheboygan Classis. Rev. W. A. Sethlage.

Indiana Classis. Revs. J. G. Steinert, C. F. Kriete.

German Synod of the East.

German Maryland Classis. Rev. Henry E. Schlueter.

German New York Classis. Rev. Paul Sommerlatte.

Synod of Interior.

Witchita Classis. Rev. G. F. Mathes.

Iowa Classis. Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D.

Ministers of other Churches

The presence was announced from time to time, of Revs. W. O. Thompson, D. D., Geo. Nichols, D. D., Freely Roher, J. R. Hughes, D. D., of the Presbyterian Church; W. J. Shuey, Geo. W. Matthews, D. D., E. Light, W. H. Kleinfelter, and Bishop Jonathan Weaver, of the U. B. Church, and J. S. Muehler of the Evangelical Synod of North America.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the Officers of General Synod for the current triennial term:

REV. JOHN A. PETERS, D. D., *President*, Tiffin, Ohio.

REV. HENRY T. SPANGLER, D. D., *Vice-President*, Collegeville, Pa.

REV. WM. F. HORSTMEIER, *Vice-President*, St. Louis, Mo.

REV. JNO. PHIL. STEIN was elected *Stated Clerk*, Reading, Pa.

REV. JACOB DAHLMANN, D. D., *is Assistant Clerk*, Akron, O.

REV. BENJ. S. STERN, *Corresponding Secretary*, Dayton, O.

ELDER CHRISTIAN G. GROSS, *Treasurer*, 879 N. 41st St., Philadelphia, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

The Rules of Order, adopted for the government of the several judicatories of the Reformed Church in the United States, were observed by General Synod in the transaction of business.

The Bar of the House was defined to be the first twelve pews in front of the chancel.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the daily sessions of the Synod, to wit :

Resolved, that the daily sessions of the Synod shall open at 8:30 o'clock, A. M., and close at 5 o'clock, P. M., with a recess from 11 o'clock, A. M., to 2 o'clock, P. M.; and that after Monday the daily sessions shall be extended to 9:30 o'clock, P. M., with a recess from 5 o'clock P. M. to 7.30 P. M.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees :

Religious Services: Revs. Chas. E. Miller, Dr. Wm. A. Hale, B. S. Stern. Elders Benj. Kuhns and Victor P. Van Horne.

SYNODICAL MINUTES: *Minutes of General Synod*: Revs. Dr. Edmund R. Eschbach, Rufus C. Zartman, L. B. C. Lahr. Elders John M. Conroy and W. A. Kifer.

Minutes of Eastern Synod: Revs. Dr. John H. Sechler, James W. Meminger, J. Calvin Leinbach. Elders Jacob Rader and Dr. Sam. P. Heilman.

Minutes of Ohio Synod: Revs. Dr. Sam. Z. Beam, Solomon W. Seeman, George H. Souder. Elders Nelson S. Brewer Esq., and Wellington Miller.

Minutes of Synod of the Northwest: Revs. Dr. John Kuelling, Prof. Frank Grether, Carl M. Schaaf. Elders George Riedesel and H. Schanze.

Minutes of Pittsburgh Synod: Revs. Dr. David B. Lady, Robert C. Bowling, C. R. Ferner. Elders Peter S. Hay and William G. King.

Minutes of Potomac Synod: Revs. Dr. T. J. Barkley, Francis C. Yost, Adam S. Weber. Elders Jacob Heyser and Gen. John E. Roller.

Minutes of German Synod of the East: Revs. A. Emil Dahlman, Dr. F. W. Berleemann, Dr. Marcus Bachmann. Elders Jacob Maybach and John Gaitge.

Minutes of the Central Synod: Revs. Dr. Peter Greding, Frederick Mayer, Wm. H. Fenneman. Elders Frederick J. Brandt and Henry G. Schmidt.

Minutes of Synod of the Interior: Revs. Dr. John M. Kendig, David H. Fouse, Dennis B. Shuey. Elders Frederick Isely and John Zollinger.

Minutes of English Classes: Revs. Dr. John Spangler Kieffer, Dr. Albert E. Truxal, Daniel E. Schoedler. Elders Freeland G. Hobson Esq., and Prof. Jefferson E. Kerschner.

Minutes of German Classes: Revs. Dr. Herman J. Ruetenik, Edw. Vornholt, Dr. Philipp Vollmer. Elders John Lutz and Herman Marcus.

Overtures: Revs. Dr. John H. Prugh, John F. DeLoeg, Reuben Keller. Elders Adrian C. McCardell and Henry Tandy.

Correspondence with Sister Churches: Revs. Dr. John S. Stahr, Dr. Michael Loucks, Wm. F. Horstmeier. Elders John H. Schook and Charles A. Granel.

State of Church: Revs. Dr. Ellis N. Kremer, Isaac H. Peightel, Dr. John H. Stepler. Elders George F. Bareis and John W. Bickel, Esq.

Home Missions: Revs. Dr. Henry T. Spangler, Dr. Sebastian C. Goss, Dr. John W. Love. Elders Prof. Lewis B. Kerr and John J. Nissley.

Foreign Missions: Revs. Edwin R. Williard, David W. Ebbert, Lewis Robb. Elders Reuben Riegner and John Buehrer.

Orphans' Homes: Revs. John W. Steinmetz, Frederick Kalbfleisch, John D. Neff. Elders John Brewster and Jacob H. Cost.

Sunday Schools: Revs. James H. Steele, Dr. Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, Geo. B. Walbert. Elders Josiah Rohrbaugh Esq., and J. W. Keifer.

Nominations: Revs. Dr. Samuel G. Wagner, Dr. John J. Lebermann, Darius W. Gerhard. Elders Dr. Amos C. Daniels and Henry Berge.

Finance: Revs. Thos. J. Hacker, John W. Pontius, Solomon Ream.. Elders John W. Keller and Daniel H. Weir.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following documents were received and handed to the respective Committees.

1. Three copies of the Minutes of the General Synod both in the English and the German languages, were received through the acting Stated Clerk, and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod.

2. The required three copies of Minutes of the several District Synods, for each of the three years intervening since the last triennial sessions of the General Synod, were received through the respective stated clerks, and referred to the several standing committees on the Minutes of the different District Synods.

3. The Minutes of the following classes were received and referred to the Standing Committees of Minutes of English and German Classes, as in the order of the District Synods :

I. *Eastern Synod* : East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh, Schuylkill, Wyoming and Reading.

II. *Ohio Synod* : Miami, Lancaster, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio and St. Joseph's.

III. *Synod of the North-west* : Zion's, Sheboygan, Indiana, Milwaukee, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ursinus, Missouri, Chicago and South Dakota.

IV. *Pittsburgh Synod* : Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul's, Somerset and Allegheny.

V. *Potomac Synod* : Zion's, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata and Portland-Oregon.

VI. *German Synod of the East* : New York, West New York, German Philadelphia, German Maryland, West Pennsylvania.

VII. *Central Synod* : Heidelberg, Erie, St. John's and Cincinnati.

VIII. *Synod of the Interior* : Iowa, Kansas, Wichita, Lincoln and Illinois.

4. The reports of the Board of Home Missions and of its treasurer were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions.

5. The reports of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and of its treasurer were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

6. The report of the Sunday School Board was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday Schools.

7. The report of General Synod's Board of Directors of Orphans' Homes : the report of the Directors of St. Paul's Orphans' Home at Butler, Pa., and the report of the Directors of the Orphans' Home at Fort Wayne, Ind., were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Orphans' Homes.

8. The report of the treasurer of General Synod was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

9. Various other documents and official communications were received and referred to Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The General Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit :

1. The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported from time to time as follows, which was received and adopted, namely :

Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to report the following appointments for services —

Trinity Church.—Thursday, 7:30 P. M. Meeting in the interest of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Work. Speakers: Revs. J. S. Stahr, D. D., R. W. Miller and J. H. Bomberger. Friday, 7:30 P. M. Home Missions. Speakers: Revs. R. L. Gerhart, D. D., E. N. Kremer, D. D., H. S. Gekeler, A. S. Dechant, and Mrs. M. E. Whitmore.

Second (German) Church.—Thursday, 7:30 P. M. Sabbath Schools and Young People. Speakers: Revs. M. Bachman, D. D., F. Mayer and H. C. Nott. Friday, 7:30 P. M. Home Missions. Speakers: Revs. J. Kuelling, D. D., A. E. Dahlmann, D. D., and H. A. Muhlmeier, D. D.

Sabbath Services.

Trinity Church.—8:30 A. M. Preparatory services and the Holy Communion. Distribution of the elements by Revs. D. Van Horne, D. D., J. S. Stahr, D. D., H. T. Spangler, D. D., and H. A. Muehlmeier, D. D. 9:30 A. M. Sabbath School addresses by Elder J. L. Lemberger, and Revs. D. W. Ebbert, R. W. Miller, G. W. Richards and H. S. Gekeler. 10:30 A. M. Public worship with sermon by Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D. 6:30 P. M. Senior and Junior C. E. Meetings. Speakers: Revs. D. H. Fouse, G. S. Sorber, J. W. Meminger, A. S. Dechant and J. H. Bomberger. 7:30 P. M. Foreign Mission Service. Speakers: Revs. J. H. Prugh, D. D., Jas. I. Good, D. D., W. E. Hoy, Elder J. L. Lemberger and Miss Misao Yoshida.

First Church. 10:30 A. M. Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D. 7:30 P. M. Foreign Mission Service. Same program given at Trinity Church.

Second Church. Sabbath School, 8:45 A. M. Addresses by Revs. A. Heinemann, W. Walenta and F. Strassner. 10 A. M. Sermon by Rev. F. W. Berlemann, D. D. 7:30 P. M. Missionary Service. Speakers: Revs. F. Grether, Paul Sommerlatte, J. Dahlmann, D. D., and W. E. Hoy.

Fourth Church. 10:30 A. M. Rev. Jas. I. Good, D. D. 7:30 P. M. Rev. H. T. Spangler, D. D.

Memorial Church. Sabbath School, 9 A. M. Addresses by Elder Daniel Miller, Rev. E. R. Williard and Miss Yoshida. 10:30 A. M. Rev. E. R. Williard. 7:30 P. M. Rev. J. S. Stahr, D. D.

Salem Church.—10 A. M. Rev. F. Grether. 2 P. M. Sabbath School. Rev. C. Baum, D. D., Wm. Sethlage and H. A. Muehlmeier, D. D.

Association Hall.—3:30 P. M. Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip Meeting. Speakers: Revs. J. H. Prugh, D. D., Conrad Clever, D. D., and Jas. I. Good, D. D. Rev. Rufus W. Miller, presiding.

Sabbath appointments for other City Pulpits.

First Presbyterian.—10:30 A. M. Rev. Conrad Clever, D. D. 7:30 P. M. Rev. J. H. Sechler, D. D.

Third St. Presbyterian.—10:30 A. M. Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D.

Park Presbyterian.—10:30 A. M. Rev. D. W. Ebbert. 7:30 P. M. Rev. G. W. Richards.

Wayne Ave. Presbyterian.—10:30 A. M. Rev. S. W. Seeman. 7:30 P. M. Rev. T. J. Hacker, D. D.

Riverdale Presbyterian.—10:30 A. M. Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D.

Memorial Presbyterian.—10:30 A. M. Rev. C. Cort, D. D. 7:30 P. M. Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D.

Grace M. E.—10:30 A. M. Rev. E. R. Eshbach, D. D. 7:30 P. M. Rev. A. S. Weber.

Raper M. E.—10:30 A. M. Rev. J. H. Prugh, D. D. 7:30 P. M. Rev. J. W. Meminger.

St. Paul M. E.—10:30 A. M. Rev. R. C. Zartman. 7:30 P. M. Rev. H. S. Gekeler.

Broadway M. E.—10:30 A. M. Rev. J. M. Shick, D. D. 7:30 P. M. Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D.

Riverdale M. E.—10:30 A. M. Rev. A. S. Dechant.

First Lutheran.—20:30 A. M. Rev. S. G. Wagner, D. D. 7:30 P. M. Rev. R. W. Miller.

Second Lutheran.—10:30 A. M. Rev. J. M. Kendig, D. D. 7:30 P. M. Rev. G. H. Souder.

St. John's Lutheran.—10:30 A. M. Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D. 7:30 P. M. Rev. I. N. Peightel.

First U. B.—10:30 A. M. Rev. D. B. Shuey, D. D.

Summit St. U. B.—10:30 A. M. Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D.

Hartford St. U. B.—10:30 A. M. Rev. A. K. Zartman,

High St. U. B.—7:30 P. M. Rev. Lewis Robb.

Central Baptist.—10:30 A. M. Rev. D. W. Gerhard.

Church of Christ.—10:30 A. M. Rev. J. H. Bomberger.

Wayne Ave. Evangelical.—10:30 A. M. Rev. F. C. Yost.

Central Congregational.—10:30 A. M. Rev. M. O. Noll.

German Baptist.—10:30 A. M. Rev. Paul Sommerlatte. 7:30 P. M. Rev. J. B. Rust.

German M. E.—10:30 A. M. Rev. C. Baum, D. D.

St. John's German Lutheran.—10:30 A. M. Rev. H. A. Muehlmeier, D. D.

National Military Home.—10:30 A. M. Rev. S. C. Goss, D. D.

Dayton State Hospital for the Insane.—4 P. M. Rev. C. Cort, D. D.

Widow's Home.—2:30 P. M. Revs. A. G. Lohman and C. H. Schneider.

Young Woman's League.—3:30 P. M. Rev. S. B. Yockey, D. D.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. MILLER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

I. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during the morning session of the third day, submitted its report, which was considered item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The report as adopted is as follows :

Your Committee on the Minutes of General Synod begs leave to present the following items as claiming your attention, viz :

Item 1, p. 40. Appointment of Delegates to corresponding bodies.

Item 2, p. 55. Appointment of Committee of Correspondence with the Reformed Church on the continent of Europe.

Item 3, p. 60. Executive officers of Synod authorized to fill vacancies in our representation to the Alliance of Reformed Churches to convene in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1896.

Item 4, p. 61. Committee on "Plan of Federation" of the Reformed Churches in the United States and the preparation of a "Consensus Creed."

Item 5, p. 65. Memorial to Classis of Amsterdam, Holland.

Item 6, p. 65. Committee on Schlatter Memorial.

Item 7. Synod must provide for the vacancies occurring, (a) in the Board of Home Missions, p. 127; (b) in the Board of Foreign Missions, p. 127; (c) in the Board of Directors of Orphans' Homes, p. 136; (d) in the Sunday School Board, p. 146.

Item 8, p. 143. Committee to report on the organization of Young People's Societies.

Item 9, p. 145. Sunday School Board authorized to make annual apportionments upon Sunday Schools.

Item 10, p. 147. Committee to report on the propriety of changing the name of the Sunday School and the title of the literature furnished for Sunday Schools.

Item 11, p. 163. (a) Action on the revised constitution as an ordinance to be reported by the stated clerk. (b) Page 192, Committee on the revision and improvement of the constitution continued.

Item 12, p. 195. Hymnal committee continued to carry out instruction as to the payment of royalties.

Item 13, p. 200. Committee on Digest.

Item 14, p. 201. Committee to report on the authority and manner of directing benevolent funds.

Item 15, p. 202. Committee on the transfer of Reformed Church property at Emporia, Kansas.

Item 16, p. 207. Committee on railroad accommodations continued.

Item 17, p. 209. Apportionments to the several Synods.

" 18, p. 211. Publication of Minutes ordered.

Item 19, p. 215. Sale of plates of Directory of Worship.

“ 20, p. 219. Committee on the request of Erie Classis respecting Calvin College.

Item 21, p. 145. Instructions given to Sunday School Board to elect a general Sunday School Secretary.

Item 22, p. 70. A Committee was appointed to ascertain membership of Church in the United States in 1893.

Item 23, p. 22. A Committee was appointed to report changes made in the German translation of the Directory of Worship.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *Chairman.*

The Report on Minutes of General Synod was disposed of as follows: For action and reports on items 1, 2, 3 and 5, see Article XI., Correspondence with Sister Churches; item 5 attended to; items 6, 16 and 20, see Article XXIII., Miscellaneous; item 7, a, b, c and d referred to Standing Committee on Nominations; items 8 and 9, see Article XIV., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; item 10 laid on the table; item 11 laid on table until Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes report; sub item b) 12, 13, 15 and 23, see Article XVIII., Church Government; item 14, not attended to; item 17, laid on table until Standing Committee on Minutes of District Synods report; items 18 and 19, see Article XXI., Publication; item 21, see Article XV., Sunday-Schools; item 22, see Article XII., The State of the Church.

II. MINUTES OF DISTRICT SYNODS.

1. *The Eastern Synod.*

The several Standing Committees on the Minutes of the different District Synods presented their reports, which were received and considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole. The several reports with the action thereon are as follows :

Your Committee on the Minutes of the Eastern Synod would respectfully report that we have examined the Minutes of said Synod for the years 1893, 1894, 1895 and find the following items which claim the attention of General Synod :

Item 1, pp. 9 and 10, Minutes of 1893. Eastern Synod acted favorably upon all the items referred to it by General Synod.

Item 2, p. 72, Minutes of 1893. Rev. J. M. Titzel, D. D., and Elder C. M. Bower, Esq., appointed a committee to defend

the action of Eastern Synod in sustaining the complaint of East Susquehanna Classis against Philadelphia Classis.

Item 3, p. 75. Eastern Synod endorses the action of the General Synod in the formation of a Sunday School Board and the appointment of a Sunday School Secretary.

Item 4, p. 17, Minutes of 1894. Is the action by Classes of Eastern Synod on Revised Constitution.

Item 5, pp. 80 and 81. Notice of appeal and complaint and appointment of Revs. E. V. Gerhart, C. S. Gerhard, E. N. Kremer to defend the action of Eastern Synod in dismissing the appeal of the Consistory of St. Stephen's Church at Pottstown, Pa.

Item 6, pp. 81 and 82. General Synod overruled to provide separate columns in statistical tables, so that the deaths of confirmed and unconfirmed members may be reported.

Item 7, p. 82. General Synod overruled to give deliverance on certain constitutional points affecting the relation of a classis to a consistory.

Item 8, p. 78, Minutes of 1895. General Synod overruled to give deliverance on free entertainment of delegates to higher judicatories.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. H. SECHLER, *Chairman.*

The action of General Synod on the Report is as follows: Items 1 and 3 were approved and adopted; on items 2 and 5, see Article XVI., Appeals; on 4, 6, 7 and 8, see Article XVIII., Church Government.

2. *The Ohio Synod.*

Your Standing Committee on Minutes of the Ohio Synod would respectfully report :

Item 1. Minutes for year 1893, pages 11 and 12, 61 and 62. The Ohio Synod took favorable action on all the recommendations of the General Synod.

Item 2. Page 64. Is a resolution of Ohio Synod as to time of holding children's day services, naming June or September, as General Synod has directed.

Item 3. Minutes of year 1894, page 70. Is an overture of the Ohio Synod to provide a suitable form for the introduction into office of persons chosen to superintend Sunday schools.

Item 4. Page 73. Is an action of the Ohio Synod declaring the official votes of the several Classes within its bounds on the subject of the adoption of the New Constitution.

Item 5. Minutes of year 1895, page 82. Is an overture to the General Synod to take such action as will concentrate all our publication interests at one place, and put all the management and profits into the possession of the General Synod.

Item 6. Minutes of 1895, page 88. Is an overture to the General Synod to appoint a General Board for the supervision of young people's societies.

Item 7. Minutes of 1895, page 70 and 71. Is an appeal of John H. Beahler from an action of Ohio Synod in not sustaining his appeal from the action of St. Joseph Classis.

Item 8. Page 71 and 72. Is an appeal of Martin Connell against the Ohio Synod in sustaining the appeal of the consistory of Grace Reformed Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Z. BEAM, *Chairman.*

The action of General Synod on the Report is as follows: Items 1 and 2 were adopted. On item 3, see Article XV., Sunday Schools; on item 4, see Article XVIII., Church Government; on item 5, see Article XXI., Publication; on item 6, see Article XIV., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; on items 7 and 8, see Article XVI., Appeals.

3. Synod of the Northwest.

The Standing Committee of the Synod of the Northwest would submit the following report :

Item 1, 1893, p. 57. Synod adopts the several recommendations of General Synod viz : Missions among Hungarians ; Foreign Missions ; Formation of Missionary Societies and Harbor Missions.

Item 2, 1894, p. 20. Synod refers to General Synod the complaint of Milwaukee Classis against Evangelical Synod of N. A. in receiving one of its ministers without a dismissal.

Item 3, 1894, p. 17. The revised constitution was rejected by the following classes : Zion's, Sheboygan, Milwaukee, Minnesota, Nebraska, Chicago, South Dakota and Ursinus. Adopted

by Missouri Classis ; Indiana had a tie vote, whereupon the President declared the constitution not adopted.

Item 4, 1894, pp. 94 and 95. Synod does not see its way clear to accept the one cent per member S. S. collection.

Item 5, 1895, pp. 61 and 62. An appeal of student Friederich Brach to General Synod against Synod of the Northwest.

Item 6, 1895, pp. 62 and 63. An appeal of Board of Visitors of Mission House against the action of the Synod of the Northwest.

Item 7, 1895, pp. 63 and 64. An appeal of student Wm. Loos from action of Synod of the Northwest.

Item 8, 1895, p. 108. Request for a deliverance concerning certain principles governing synodical apportionments for benevolence.

Item 9, 1893, p. 93 ; 1894 p. 96 ; 1895 p. 109. Synod asks to be excused for transacting business, when lacking a quorum, at the annual meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. KUELLING, *Chairman.*

The action of General Synod on the Report is as follows : Items 1, 4 and 9 adopted; on item 2, see Article XVII., Complaints; on items 3 and 8, see Article XVIII., Government; on items 5, 6 and 7, see Article XVI., Appeals.

4. *The Pittsburgh Synod.*

The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of Pittsburgh Synod and report the items requiring the notice of this synod, begs leave to report the following :

Item 1. Pp. 9 and 10, Minutes of 1893. Pittsburgh Synod takes favorable action on all the recommendations of the General Synod.

Item 2. Page 63, Minutes of 1893. The Synod resolved to co-operate with the Board (of General Synod) in organizing and carrying forward the work of classical Sunday school Associations, and urges the prompt payment of the cent-a-member fund.

Item 3. Page 14, Minutes of 1894. All the classes of the Synod approve of the Constitution submitted by General Synod.

Item 4. Page 68, Minutes of 1895. The attorney of Rev. W. H. Bates, in the case of Bates' appeal from the action of

Westmoreland Classis in suspending Rev. W. H. Bates from the Gospel Ministry, gave notice of an appeal from the action of Pittsburgh Synod in sustaining the decision of classis, to the General Synod. The Synod appoints Rev. Dr. C. R. Dieffenbacher and Elder C. M. Boush to defend its action before General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. LADY, *Chairman.*

The action of General Synod on the Report is as follows: Items 1 and 2 were adopted. On item 3 see Article XVIII., Church Government; on item 4 see Article XVI., Appeals.

5. *The Synod of Potomac.*

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the Synod of the Potomac beg leave to present the following report, to wit :

Item 1, p. 10, Minutes of 1893. The Synod accepted all the recommendations and apportionments sent down by General Synod.

Item 2, p. 49, Minutes of 1893. Synod overtures General Synod to appoint a Committee to prepare a Hymn-book for use in the Sunday Schools of the Church.

Item 3, p. 12, Minutes of 1894. Zions, Maryland, Mercersburg, Gettysburg, Virginia, North Carolina and Juniata Classes approved, and Portland, Oregon Classis rejected the new Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY, *Chairman.*

The action of General Synod on the report is as follows: Item 1 was adopted; on item 2 see Article XV, Sunday-Schools; on item 3 see Article XVIII., Church Government.

6. *The German Synod of the East.*

Your Committee begs leave to report the following items, claiming the attention of Synod :

Item 1. All the recommendations of the General Synod referred to the District Synods were acted upon.

Item 2, p. 10, 1894. The vote on the revised constitution by the classes of this Synod was as follows : adopted by the West New York Classis ; rejected by the New York, German Philadelphia, German Maryland and West Pennsylvania Classes.

Item 3, p. 11, 1894. Rev. M. Bachmann, D. D., appeals to General Synod from the decision of Synod, regarding the vote of Maryland Classis on the revised constitution.

No counsel was appointed by Synod in this appeal case.

Item 4, p. 65, 1894. The Classis of Goshenhoppen of the Eastern Synod appeals to General Synod from a decision of Synod by which the appeal of said Classis from a certain judgment of the German Philadelphia Classis to the German Synod of the East is not sustained.

The Rev. Ph. Vollmer, Ph. D., and F. W. Berlemann, D. D., were appointed as counsel to defend the action of Synod.

Item 5, p. 33, 1895. The General Synod is respectfully requested to arrange for united effort with the General Synod of the Reformed church in America and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church of the U. S., in the work among immigrants.

These sister churches have no harbor missionary in the port of New York. The work among the immigrants, they may be called upon to do, could easily be done by our harbor mission. An arrangement according to which this work is given to our mission, and the sister churches give a corresponding financial support to the mission, would prove advantageous to all concerned.

Item 6, p. 34, 1895. The attention of General Synod is directed to the persecution of our fellow Christians in Armenia, and is called upon to give expression of the heartfelt sympathy of the church with the sufferers, and of the church's righteous indignation against the indifference of Christian nations to these outrages.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. DAHLMANN, *Chairman.*

The action of General Synod on the report is as follows: Item 1 was adopted. On item 2 see Article XVIII, Church Government; on 3 and 4 see Article XVI, Appeals; on item 5 see Article XIII, Missions; and on item 6 see Article XXIII, Miscellaneous.

7. *Central Synod.*

Your Committee begs leave to report the following items as claiming your attention and action :

Item 1, Minutes 1893, page 9. Central Synod approves all recommendations and acts, subject to the approval of the District Synods.

Item 2, Minutes 1894, p. 10. Erie and Heidelberg Classes reject the new constitution, referred by General Synod. St. John's and Cincinnati Classes approve of the same.

Item 3, Minutes 1894, p. 87. Synod asks permission of the General Synod to use a catechism called, "One Hundred Questions according to the Heidelberg Catechism" now in course of preparation as a help for the catechetical instruction of our children after its adoption by the Synod.

Item 4, Minutes 1895, p. 88. Synod recommends the above named catechism to such ministers and Sunday Schools, that may feel the need of such a book, which is especially adapted to be committed to memory and orders its publication.

Respectfully submitted,

P. GREDING, *Chairman.*

The action of General Synod on the Report is as follows: Item 1 was adopted. On items 2, 3 and 4, see Article XVIII., Church Government.

8. *Synod of Interior.*

Your Committee begs leave to report the following items :

Item 1, pp. 8-9, Minutes of 1893. Synod accepts all apportionments and takes favorable action on all recommendations made to the Synods.

Item 2, p. 9, Minutes of 1894. The proposed new Constitution submitted by General Synod for Classical action was approved by all the Classes, *i. e.* Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Wichita and Lincoln Classes.

Item 3, p. 48, Minutes of 1895. Synod overtures General Synod to provide a Hymnal for our Sunday-Schools.

Item 4, p. 48. Overtures this Synod to instruct Sunday-School Board to prepare supplemental lessons on the Catechism.

Item 5, p. 60. Overtures General Synod to amend the present statistical tables and presents schedule for consideration.

Item 6, p. 61. Requests General Synod to provide for the publication of the Directory of Worship, or forms from the Directory and the Hymnal in one volume.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. M. KENDIG, *Chairman.*

The action of General Synod on the report is as follows: Item 1 was adopted; on items 2 and 5 see Article XVIII, Church Government; on items 3 and 4 see Article XV, Sunday-Schools; on item 6 see Article XXI, Publication.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

I. ENGLISH CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of English Classes submitted their report, during Monday's session, which was received, disposed of item by item, and adopted as a whole. The report is as follows, to wit :

The Committee on the Minutes of the English Classes would respectfully submit the following report :

There were referred to the Committee the Minutes of the following Classes : East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh, Schuylkill, Wyoming, Reading, Miami, Lancaster (Ohio Synod), Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, St. Joseph, Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul's, Somerset, Allegheny, Zion's, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata, Portland-Oregon, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Wichita, Lincoln.

Having carefully examined the abstracts of the proceedings of the above mentioned Classes, we find them to contain the following matters requiring the attention of the General Synod.

1. *Matters referred to the Classes.*

Item 1. In regard to the Revised Constitution, approved by the last General Synod, and submitted to the Classes for adoption or rejection, the following Classes are found to have approved the Constitution so submitted : East Pennsylvania, Lebanon,

Philadelphia, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh, Schuylkill, Miami, Tuscarawas, Eastern Ohio, Westmoreland, Clarion, St. Paul's, Allegheny, Somerset, Zions, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata, Illinois, Wichita, Lincoln, Iowa.

The following Classes voted against the adoption of the Constitution : Tiffin, Lancaster (Ohio), St. Joseph and Portland-Oregon.

The abstracts of the proceedings of Wyoming Classis and Kansas Classis do not report the vote of these Classes on the Revised Constitution.

Item 2. Favorable action was taken by the Classes in reference to the various recommendations of the General Synod, except that East Pennsylvania Classis does not see its way clear to comply with the request of the General Synod to appoint a permanent Classical Sunday School Committee.

2. Requests from the Classes, etc.

Item 3. East Pennsylvania Classis requests the General Synod, *a*) to define the work of the Sunday School Board and the General Sunday School Secretary ; *b*) to instruct its S. S. Board and General Secretary to communicate with our Sunday Schools only through the pastors ; *c*) to make certain changes in, and additions to the Revised Constitution, whether it is, or is not adopted by the requisite vote of the Classes ; *d*) in case of the non-adoption of the revised Constitution, to provide for the holding of a Constitutional Convention, and to submit the result of the labors of this Convention to the Classes for action ; *e*) to place the Pacific coast missions under the care of one of the German Boards, with proportional financial support from the entire church ; *f*) to instruct its Sunday School Board to prepare a "Sunday School Hymnal and Service Book", adapted to the main seasons of the church year.

Item 4. Lancaster Classis (Eastern Synod) overtures the General Synod asking it to direct that the statistics of the Church shall be published in two tables, one for parochial statistics, and

one for statistics of contributions, with the same headings and in the same form as the tables of Lancaster Classis.

Item 5. West Susquehanna Classis makes certain requests in regard to the society for the relief of ministers, and widows of ministers.

Item 6. Lehigh Classis asks the General Synod to take such action as shall procure for the church a Constitution that shall meet the present and future needs of the church.

Item 7. *a)* Wyoming Classis requests the General Synod to give a clear and distinct deliverance in regard to the matter of students of theology preaching as candidates before they have been licensed, and of vacant charges electing and calling such students; *b)* to take such action as will afford substantial relief to the Pacific Coast Missions; *c)* to provide for the unification of the Sunday-School publications under General Synod's Sunday School Board.

Item 8. The Reading Classis overtures the General Synod to arrange for a conference with the Board of Managers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and to take such steps as will bring the society into some corporate relation to the General Synod.

Item 9. Miami Classis calls the attention of the General Synod to the use of the Order of Worship in one of the Church's institutions of learning, and to the publication of the Order of Worship in one volume with the Hymnal.

Item 10. The same Classis directs the attention of the General Synod to the interests of missions on the Pacific Coast.

Item 11. The same Classis asks that special attention be given to the Pacific Coast missions, and that these and all others be under the General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

Item 12. Lancaster Classis (Ohio Synod) requests a deliverance by the General Synod as regards money paid into the treasury of Foreign Missions.

Item 13. Tiffin Classis requests the General Synod to give a deliverance in explanation of Article 3rd of the Constitution of the Church.

Item 14. The same Classis requests the General Synod to

take steps to bring about the unification of our Sunday-School publications and Sunday-School interests.

Item 15. The same request is made by the Eastern Ohio-Classis.

Item 16. St. Joseph's Classis overtures the General Synod to make changes in the statistical blanks for Sunday-Schools.

Item 17. The same Classis, with Allegheny, Somerset, Zion's, Maryland, Juniata, Mercersburg, Illinois and Kansas Classes, urges the General Synod to give to the Portland-Oregon Classis all possible encouragement and aid.

Item 18. The same Classis requests the General Synod to provide for the sending by the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions, and the Sunday-School Board of their Secretaries, or other representatives to the annual meetings of the Classes.

Item 19. An overture from the Maryland Classis, asking the General Synod to make such provision for meeting the needs of our Sunday-School work as shall not interfere with the Classes as the properly constituted authorities through which benevolent funds are to be raised.

Item 20. An overture from the same Classis respectfully asking the General Synod to propose a definite plan for the introduction of the Office of Deaconess in our congregations.

Item 21. The Mercersburg Classis requests such action as will secure the retention of a member of the Reformed church in the United States on the International Sunday-School Lesson Committee.

Item 22. The same Classis requests the General Synod to take such action as will lead to the unification of our Sunday-School Publications.

Item 23. The same Classis requests the General Synod not to accede to the request of the Board of Home Missions for the appointment of a Financial Secretary for the Eastern part of the Church.

Item 24. The North Carolina Classis requests that the General Synod bear half of the travelling expenses of two delegates from that Classis to the Synod.

Item 25. The Carlisle Classis overtures the General Synod to repeal its decision at Cincinnati in 1872 in regard to the designation of benevolent contributions, or to give a deliverance as to the meaning and scope of the same.

Item 26. The Gettysburg Classis asks for a decision by the Synod as to whether the Constitution of the Church recognizes the right of a charge to extend a call to a Student of Theology before his licensure.

Item 27. The Carlisle Classis asks the General Synod to add to the statistical report a column for the record of the deaths of unconfirmed members.

Item 28. The same Classis asks that the Sunday-School Publications be brought under the direct control of the Sunday-School Board.

Item 29. The Juniata Classis requests the General Synod to define the work of its Sunday-School Board and of its General Secretary, marking their constitutional limitations; also to direct the Board and its Secretary to communicate with the Sunday-Schools through the pastors of the several churches.

Item 30. The same Classis asks for the unification of the Sunday-School publications of the Church.

Item 31. Wichita Classis requests the General Synod to apportion all sums for benevolence on the basis of the actual membership of the Synods.

Item 32. Lincoln Classis requests the publication of a popular Missionary Monthly.

Item 33. Kansas Classis requests the General Synod to consider the subject of a union of the German Board with the General Synod's Board of Missions.

Item 34. The same Classis requests the General Synod to take some action for the relief of needy ministers and ministers' widows not belonging to the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

Item 35. An overture from the same Classis asking for the preparation of a Sunday-School Hymn Book.

3. *Appeals and Complaints.*

Item 36. Philadelphia Classis appeals from the action of the Eastern Synod in sustaining the complaint of East Susquehanna Classis, and appoints Rev. Dr. J. H. Sechler and Elder F. G. Hobson to prosecute the appeal before the General Synod.

Item 37. Goshenhoppen Classis appeals to the General Synod from the action of the German Synod of the East in sustaining the action of the German Philadelphia Classis in the matter of the complaint of the Goshenhoppen Classis against the German Philadelphia Classis and has appointed its delegates to the General Synod to prosecute the appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

J. SPANGLER KIEFFER, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: Item 1 adopted and referred to a special Committee on Revised Constitution, see Art. XVIII, Church Government; item 2 adopted and E. Pennsylvania Classis was respectfully requested to acquiesce by appointing a Classical S. S. Committee; item 3 subitems a), b), f), see Art. XV., Sunday-Schools; subitems c) and d) see Art. XVIII, Church Government; subitem e) see Art. XIII, Missions; items 4, 7, subitem a), 13, 18, 25, 26, 27 and 31, see Art. XVIII, Church Government; items 5, 8, 20, 34, see Art XIV, Benevolent and Religious Institutions; items 7, subitem c), 19, 21, 28, 29, 30 and 35, see Art. XV, Sunday-Schools; items 7, subitem b), 10, 11, 12, 17, 23, 32 and 33 see Art. XIII, Missions; items 36 and 37, see Art. XVI, Appeals. Item 9 was laid on the table.

II. GERMAN CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the German Classes during Monday's session submitted their report, which was considered item by item and adopted as a whole. The report is as follows, to wit :

The undersigned beg leave to submit that reports from the following German Classes were laid before them :

Indiana, Zions, Sheboygan, Milwaukee, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ursinus, Chicago, Missouri and South Dakota of the Northwestern Synod.

Philadelphia, New York, West New York, Maryland and Western Pennsylvania of the German Eastern Synod.

St. John's, Heidelberg, Erie, and Cincinnati of the Central Synod.

Item 1. The New Constitution submitted to the Classes was approved by Missouri, West New York, St. John's, and Cincinnati Classes.

Rejected by Indiana, Zions, Milwaukee, Sheboygan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ursinus, Chicago, South Dakota, Philadelphia, New York, Maryland, West Pennsylvania, Heidelberg and Erie.

In Maryland and Indiana Classes the number of votes cast on either side was equal.

Item 2. The recommendations of General Synod in work of Sunday-School Board were accepted by the Classes of Nebraska, New York, Maryland and Erie

Rejected by Indiana, Sheboygan, Milwaukee, Chicago, Philadelphia, West New York and West Pennsylvania.

Minnesota Classis calls the attention of pastors and consistories to them, but cannot see its way open to assume any obligations.

Seven Classes failed to report action.

Milwaukee Classis is opposed to these recommendations from principle, inasmuch as they imply taxation; Sheboygan Classis on the same ground, and also because of their being impracticable; Chicago Classis on the same grounds.

Item 3. General Synod's recommendations regarding *Missions among the Hungarians* were accepted by the Classes of Milwaukee, Zions, Missouri, Philadelphia, New York, West New York, Maryland and Erie. 8 Classes.

Indiana Classis declared the matter disposed of by the action of Northwest Synod.

Sheboygan Classis took notice of the recommendation, and in connection with this item declared itself opposed to the provision made for the support of the port-missionary by apportionment. Classis desires to have all missionary work supported by voluntary contributions.

Nine Classes failed to report.

Item 4. Gen'l Synod's recommendation to organize *Missionary Societies* was accepted by the Classes of Milwaukee, Sheboy-

gan, Zion's, New York, West Pennsylvania, St. John and Erie.
7 Classes.

Indiana Classis declared the matter disposed of by action of the Synod of the Northwest assigning certain Sundays and festivals for collections.

Eleven Classes failed to report.

Item 5. General Synod's recommendations in favor of *Foreign Missions* were accepted by the Classes of Indiana, Sheboygan, Zion's, Milwaukee, South Dakota, New York, West New York, Maryland, West Pennsylvania, St. John's and Erie.

Cincinnati Classis considers Home Missionary work the first and most sacred duty of German Classes, and requests the Board of Foreign Missions to practice the greatest possible economy.

Seven Classes failed to report.

Item 6. General Synod's recommendation of *Orphans' Homes* was accepted by the Classes of Indiana, Sheboygan, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, New York, West New York, Maryland and Cincinnati.

Requests and Overtures.

Item 7. South Dakota Classis calls General Synod's attention to the Reformed Congregations in Russia and asks for the appointment of a member of the Committee on correspondence with Reformed Churches in Europe, who is acquainted with these people.

Item 8. Classis of West New York regrets the failure of last General Synod to appoint a reporter for the "Kirchenzeitung", and asks to have the same provisions made for the "Kirchenzeitung" as for the "Christian World".

Item 9. Classis of St. John calls the attention of General Synod to the action of Central Synod on p. 88, Minutes of 1895, allowing the use of an abridged Heidelberg Catechism, and asks for a deliverance of General Synod on this question. This Classis also transmits a copy of said abridgment for examination.

Item 10. St. John's Classis requests General Synod to give a deliverance on Elders and Deacons meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. RUETENIK, *Chairman.*

The Report was disposed of as follows: The 1st item was adopted and referred to special Committee on the Revised Constitution; items 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 were adopted; item 3 referred to Board of Home Missions; on item 7 see Article XI, Correspondence with Sister Churches; item 9 and 10 referred to special Committees, see Article XVIII, Church Government.

ARTICLE X. OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals, which was acted on item by item, amended, and subsequently adopted as a whole. It is as follows, to wit :

To the Reverend General Synod : —

Your Committee on Overtures would respectfully report that the following papers came into its hands :

1. An appeal of Rev. W. H. Bates from the decision of the Pittsburgh Synod at its annual meeting at Butler, Pa., in 1895.
2. A request from Goshenhoppen Classis, Eastern Synod, to have adjudicated a difficulty existing between the said Goshenhoppen Classis, and the German Philadelphia Classis, German Synod of the East.
3. An appeal of John Beahler from an action of the Ohio Synod in 1895.
4. An appeal of Martin Connet from an action of the Ohio Synod in 1895.
5. An appeal of Rev. Dr. M. Bachmann from an action of the German Synod of the East at its annual meeting in 1894.
6. A memorial from Elders Rudolph F. Kelker, B. Kuhns and Christian G. Gross — former Publication Committee of the Directory of Worship.
7. A communication from Rev. Dr. G. D. Mathews, Gen. Secretary of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches of the World, holding the Presbyterian System, announcing the place of the meeting of the Sixth General Council of the Alliance and asking that the names of delegates from the Reformed Church in the U. S. be forwarded him.
8. A report through Rev. Dr. W. H. Roberts, President of the Western Section of the Alliance, recounting the work of the Alliance, the proposed plan for co-operation in Home Mis-

sions, and asking that the amount due from the Reformed Church of the U. S. for the work of the Alliance be forwarded to the Treasurer.

9. A communication from the Committee on the Federation of the Reformed Churches, holding the Presbyterian System, asking that the Committee of General Synod, on Federation, of three years ago be continued.

10. A communication from the joint Committee of the Presbyterian, United Presbyterian and Reformed Presbyterian Churches inviting this Synod to unite with them in securing an improved metrical version of the Psalter.

11. A communication from the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, with their annual financial statement.

12. The report of Rev. Dr. A. R. Kremer as delegate to the General Synod of the Lutheran Church.

13. An invitation from the Reformed Churches of Tiffin, Ohio, to the Synod to hold its next triennial meeting in the 2nd Reformed Church of said city.

14. (a) An overture from Portland-Oregon Classis asking that some way be devised for aiding the Missions on the Pacific coast.

b) A communication from East Ohio Classis concerning the same matter.

(c) A communication from Rev. J. Muellhaupt in regard to the same object.

15. A communication from the Portland-Oregon Classis asking that its delegates to General Synod be excused from attendance upon the sessions of Synod owing to inability to meet the expenses of said delegates to this body.

16. A communication from Rev. Dr. W. J. Shuey, extending to Synod the freedom of the U. B. Publication House and Book-Store in this city.

17. A communication from Rev. Hiram King of Somerset, Pa., respectfully requesting Synod to institute a scheme for an endowment fund, to be known as the Reformed Ministers Endowment Fund for Beneficiary Education, to be created and perpetually increased by the personal contributions of the ministers

of the church ; the communication being accompanied by a bank draft for \$50.00 to start the contemplated endowment.

18. The last annual catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College.

19. The last annual catalogue of Heidelberg University.

20. The last annual catalogue of Ursinus College and the catalogue of Calvin College.

21. The last annual catalogue of the Mission House.

22. The last annual catalogue of Mercersburg College.

23. The last annual catalogue of Woman's College at Frederick, Md., and that of the College for Women at Allentown, Pa.

24. An overture from the delegates from Virginia Classis presenting a petition from the Centenary Reformed Church of Winchester, Va.

25. A communication from Rev. Dr. J. H. Stepler in the interest of international arbitration.

26. A communication from the W. M. S. G. S., asking Synod not to apportion for the support of the Girls' School at Sendai, Japan, inasmuch as said Society is now supporting said school.

27. A communication from the Women's Keely League to secure Synod's co-operation in praying the International Committee of the Evangelical Alliance to set apart a day of prayer, in the week of prayer, for the cause of temperance.

28. An overture from Tiffin Classis, asking General Synod to give a deliverance on the latter part of Article 52 of the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

29. A communication from Board of Managers of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home, for aged Reformed ministers.

30. Presentation of a copy of the "Reformed Church Herald", the official organ of Synod of the Interior.

31. A communication from the secretary of Woman's Christian Temperance Union, asking that gospel temperance instruction have a defined place in our Sunday-Schools.

32. A memorial from the National Reform Association.

33. A book entitled "An Aid to the Heidelberg Catechism", presented by Dr. Good.

34. A copy of a book entitled "Poverty's Factory", by the Rev. S. L. Krebs.

35. A petition from Elder W. A. Kifer, Sioux City, Iowa, asking General Synod to establish in each Synod a Committee on Home Missions to expedite mission work in the respective Synods and the several Classes.

36. An overture from the Women's Missionary Society of General Synod asking this body to aid by encouragement and advice in the work of conducting the "Woman's Journal".

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. PRUGH, *Chairman.*

The action of General Synod on the report is as follows: On items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, see Article XVI, Appeals and References; on item 6, see Article XXI, Publication; on items 7 and 31, reported as having been attended to; on items 9 and 12, see Article XI, Correspondence with Sister Churches; item 10, referred to Committee on Hymnal; on items 11 and 29, see Article XIV, Benevolent and Religious Institutions; on items 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 27, see Article XXIII, Miscellaneous; on items 8, 14 a.) b.) c) and 30, see Article XIII, Missions; items 15, 16, 26 and 32, were adopted; on item 28, see Article XVIII, Church Government; on item 30, Reformed Church Herald, commended; on items 33 and 34, see Article XIX, Synodical Archives; on item 35, Synod does not see its way clear to grant the request; on item 36. This item was adopted and referred to the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions..

ARTICLE XI.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

I. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches, during the morning session of the sixth day of sessions, presented its report, which was received and adopted. It is as follows, to wit :

Your Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches respectfully offers the following report :

No documents have been placed in the hands of your Committee, and there does not seem to be any occasion for special action on the part of the Synod under this head, in addition to that which has already been taken, respecting the interchange of fraternal greetings, through delegates appointed for the purpose,

between this Synod and the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church.

It is recommended accordingly, that correspondence by means of delegates be maintained with the following six branches of the Protestant Christian Church :

1. The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.
2. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. of America.
3. The General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.
4. The Quadrennial Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church.
5. The German Evangelical Synod of North America.
6. The General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church.

Respecting the overture from the South Dakota Classis, referred to your Committee, requesting the appointment of a minister to correspond with the Reformed Church in Russia, your Committee respectfully suggests that the Rev. H. W. Stienecker be added to the Committee of which the Rev. Dr. J. H. C. Roentgen is chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. S. STAHR, *Chairman.*

II. REPORTS FROM DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The delegates elected by the last General Synod in 1893 to corresponding bodies, presented their reports, which were received and adopted. These several reports, as respectively presented, are as follows :

1. *The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.*

The undersigned delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, herewith reports that he attended the meeting of the General Synod of the said Church, held in Asbury Park, N. J., in June 1894. He conveyed to that body the fraternal salutations of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S., which the President, in the name of the Synod, heartily reciprocated. Although the attempted plan of federa-

tion between the two churches failed, our sister church cherishes a warm interest in our branch of the Reformed Church. Her educational institutions and missionary enterprises are prosecuted with unstinted liberality and phenomenal success.

Respectfully submitted,

B. BAUSMAN.

2. *The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in U. S. A.*

Your delegate appointed to bear the fraternal greetings of your reverend body, to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, would respectfully report, that he attended the meeting of the said General Assembly, held at Pittsburg, Pa., in May, 1895, and had the privilege of formally presenting the Christian greetings of this General Synod. His reception was of the most cordial character, and through the Moderator, Rev. Robert Russell Booth, D. D., he was requested to bear to this Synod, in return, the Christian greetings of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. PETERS.

3. *The General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.*

As your delegate to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, I attended to the duty assigned to me. The Synod convened in June, 1895, in the city of Hagerstown, Md. Your delegate was cordially received by that Reverend body, to which he made an address, in which he conveyed the fraternal Christian greetings of the General Synod of the Reformed Church. The President, in responding to the address, requested your delegate to present to his brethren, when convened in Dayton, Ohio, the brotherly Christian salutations and best wishes of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. KREMER

4. *The Quadrennial Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church.*

No report.

5. *The German Evangelical Synod of North America.*

The undersigned regrets to say that this body met in General Conference before he became aware of the fact, although he had taken pains to secure timely information.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. RUETENIK.

III. ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The following designated brethren were elected delegates to the several corresponding bodies named, viz :

1. To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, Rev. Jno. S. Stahr, D. D., primarius, and Rev. Jno. H. Seehler, D. D., secundus.

2. To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, Rev. H. T. Spangler, D. D, primarius, and Rev. Cyrus J. Musser, secundus.

3. To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D, primarius, and Rev. E. P. Herbruck, secundus.

4. To the Quadrennial Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church, Rev. Henry Mosser, D. D., primarius, and Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, D. D., secundus.

5. To the German Evangelical Synod of North America, Rev. Frank Grether, primarius, and Rev. J. H. Stepler, D. D., secundus.

6. To the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, Rev. Ellis N. Kremer, D. D., primarius, and Rev. S. W. Seeman, secundus.

IV. DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The following delegates from corresponding bodies appeared in Synod and being officially recognized, took their seats as corresponding members.

1. During the morning session on the second day of sessions, Rev. Wm. O. Thompson, D. D., delegate from the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, presented his

credentials and took his seat as a corresponding member. At the morning session of the same day, an opportunity was given to present the fraternal greetings of the body which he represents. He referred to the fraternal feeling and close relation existing between the two churches, in doctrine, cultus and the work in which they are engaged; and expressed the hope of becoming still closer united in the work of Christ's kingdom, thus practically realizing the idea which is aimed at in the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System.

The President of Synod responded in a fitting manner. He briefly referred to the progress made by the Church in the various departments of Christian activity, and to the signal success which has crowned our labors in the mission field of Japan. He cordially requested the delegate to bear the greetings of this Synod to the body he represented.

2. At the morning session, on Monday, the credentials of Rev. W. S. Owens, D. D., delegate of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, were presented to Synod, and the brother was invited to a seat as a corresponding member. At the close of the morning session, he addressed Synod in a fraternal and appropriate manner, presenting in brief outline the condition and work of the Church, which he had the honor to represent. He rejoiced in the manifest tendency of Christian unity and in fitting terms he conveyed the fraternal greetings and Christian salutations of the General Assembly, convened May 30, 1896, at Xenia, O., to this Synod.

The President of Synod responded in a most cordial manner, reciprocating the good feeling expressed in his address, expressing the hope that as each church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, pursues its appointed work, a closer union of the Reformed churches will be realized. He requested the delegate to convey the cordial greetings of Synod to the General Assembly, which he represented.

V. REFORMED ALLIANCE OF GERMANY AND SWITZERLAND.

1. *Report of Committee on Correspondence.*

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the General Synod during the morning of the second day of sessions, reported in item 2 the appointment of a Committee on Correspondence with the Reformed Church of Germany and Switzerland. The following is the report, to wit :

REVEREND GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES.

Dear Fathers and Brethren in Christ :

Your Committee on Correspondence with Church Bodies of the Reformed faith in Germany and Switzerland respectfully submits the following report :

Your committee transmitted the greetings of General Synod with a copy of its proceedings to the Reformed Alliance, the Reformed Synod of Hanover, the Swiss Evangelical Church Society and different other branches of the Reformed faith. Rev. James I. Good, D. D., and Rev. Philipp Vollmer, Ph. D., attended the meeting of the Reformed Alliance and presented the fraternal greetings of this General Synod and were very cordially received.

The proceedings of the Reformed Alliance of 1895, the minutes of the Reformed Church of Hanover, the proceedings of the 8th Synodical meeting of the 3d Reformed Synodical District and an official letter from the President of the Reformed Synod of Hanover to General Synod were received by your committee.

From the proceedings of the Reformed Alliance we learn, that it had to contend with great difficulties in order to obtain from the government again the long lost church privileges. This subject seems to have engaged their attention at their last meeting to such an extent, as to overlook our earnest request to give some consideration to the harbor mission at Bremen and Hamburg, for nothing thereof is contained in the proceedings. The Synod of Hanover had mainly to do with sketches of two constitutions for the church, the use of the Heidelberg Catechism in some congregations and the care and maintenance of widows and orphans of Reformed pastors in Hanover. The minutes contain nothing of special mention for our consideration.

Rev. Dr. John Kuelling continued in correspondence with the Evangelical Church Society of Switzerland by Dr. Orelli of Basel, and requested him to present the greetings and a copy of the proceedings of your Reverend Body to the Society. Dr. Orelli took abstracts from the minutes for his "*Kirchenfreund*."

It seems difficult to reach the practical results of the work by this correspondence. We cannot, however, lay it to charge of the good will of the Brethren in Europe, but moreover to the existing circumstances which make it very difficult for them to act with more freedom.

Rev. Dr. James I. Good expects to enter into closer relation with the Reformed Church of Hungary by going there in person and it is hoped that his visit will be profitable to the Hungarian part of our Church.

Your committee would call the attention of General Synod to the proceedings of 1893 when your Committee on Correspondence presented a full report and asked for instructions and information on several items and requested some assistance to be granted etc. The minutes however record no action and only instruct the committee to continue and enlarge their correspondence. The committee however was at a loss to know what to do and would again request General Synod to give expression to several items on pages 53 and 54 of the minutes before the correspondence can be continued.

We would at the same time submit an urgent request for assistance from the General Secretary of the Reformed Alliance and co-operation with them for the maintenance of the interests of the Reformed Church in Germany.

Another application for assistance comes from Rev. Hapke if Berlin for the erection and establishment of convicts in Berlin, nor students of the Reformed faith. (Convicts are places for meals and lodgings.)

We would further report that the Committee on Correspondence of the Reformed Alliance and of the Reformed Synod of Hanover sent to your committee several Christian young men, who came well recommended and were willing to prepare themselves for the Christian ministry in the Reformed Church. They were received by the Board of Visitors of the Mission House in

part and by Calvin College as students for the Christian ministry, some of which stand already in the service of the church.

It is very difficult for your committee to find places for licentiates and even ministers of the Word who come well prepared with recommendations and testimonials from their boards. There is no doubt but that we could obtain many gifted young men as ministers or professors, if your committee would know where to send and recommend them. We would be thankful to General Synod, if the much needed instructions were given us.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. C. ROENTGEN,

J. KUELLING,

JAMES I. GOOD.

Expenses, \$3.45.

REPORT OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CORRESPONDENCE
WITH REFORMED CHURCHES ON CONTINENT OF EUROPE.

The report on the 2d item in the Report of the Minutes of General Synod, having reference to correspondence with Reformed Churches in Germany and Switzerland, together with a report read by Dr. Jas. I. Good, and several letters of correspondence read by Dr. J. H. C. Roentgen, were referred to a special Committee consisting of Revs. Drs. H. A. Muehlmeier, Jno. S. Stahr, Wm. C. Schaeffer and Elders D. Clinger and L. W. Raver, who presented the following report, which was adopted :

Your special Committee to whom the requests and the report of the Committee on a closer union with the Reformed Church of Germany and Switzerland, and also the subject matter of an address made before General Synod were referred, begs leave to report :

That the Committee on a closer union with the Reformed Churches of Germany and Switzerland has faithfully carried out the instructions of General Synod. Believing that the continuance of our correspondence so fraternally begun and hitherto carried on, is of the greatest importance, and carries with it a mutual blessing ; and believing moreover, that we should lend a helping hand to our brethren in Europe we would suggest the following resolutions for adoption.

1. That the present Committee on correspondence, consisting of Revs. Dr. J. H. C. Roentgen, John Kuelling and Jas. I. Good, with the Reformed Churches in Europe be continued.

2. That in view of the pressing needs of the Reformed Alliance of Germany, we present to them one hundred dollars as a token of our good will and good wishes.

3. That we also donate to the Swiss Reformed Conference the sum of twenty-five dollars to be applied to their work in the Roman Catholic Cantons of Switzerland, and that these several amounts be referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. MUEHLMEIER, *Chairman.*

By the adoption of the Report of Standing Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches, Rev. H. W. Stienecker has been added to the aforesaid Committee.

ALLIANCE OF REFORMED CHURCHES HOLDING THE
PRESBYTERIAN SYSTEM.

25. Christchurch Avenue, Brondesbury,
London, N. W., March 1895.

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD REFORMED CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES.

The Sixth General Council of the "Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System," will meet in St. Andrew's Hall, Berkeley Street, Glasgow, Scotland, on Wednesday, June 17th, 1896.

At the London Council of 1888, it was agreed, "That the representation in the Council shall be: For each hundred congregations or less, two delegates up to 1,000 congregations; above 1,000 congregations, one delegate for each additional 100 up to 2,000 congregations; above 2,000 congregations, one delegate for each additional 250 congregations.

In the case of union of Churches represented in the Alliance, it is recommended that the number of delegates remain as previous to union, till the following meeting of Council, when, on the union being reported to the Council, the future number of delegates shall be determined." (Vol. of Proceed., 1888, p. 308.)

At the Toronto Council of 1892, it was farther agreed—"That in order to advance the interests of Co-operation in Mis-

sion Fields, each of the Churches represented in this Alliance be invited to send to the meetings of the Council, a representative of its Foreign Mission Board or Committee, and such representative shall be entitled to act as a Corresponding member.' (Vol. of Proceed., 1892, p. 280.)

Will you have the goodness to communicate this letter to the Supreme Court of your Church at its approaching meeting, and secure the appointment of delegates to the Council. It will be of great service to the Glasgow Local Committee if you send me the names and addresses of the delegates as soon as these have been appointed by your Church.

Yours fraternally,

G. D. MATHEWS, *General Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Pa., May 8th, 1895.

The within letter of the General Secretary of the Alliance, in accordance with the regulations duly adopted by the Council, is hereby countersigned by the officers of the Western Section of the Executive Commission.

T. W. CHAMBERS, *Chairman.*

W^M. H. ROBERTS, *Secretary.*

ALLIANCE OF THE REFORMED CHURCHES.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 12., 1896.

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES.

Dear Brethren:

The Western Section of the Executive Commission of "The Alliance of the Reformed Churches throughout the world holding the Presbyterian System", respectfully report to your venerable body that the work of the Commission has progressed favorably during the year, and that the churches of the Alliance are being drawn yet closer together, under the blessing of God, in the bonds of fellowship and for the maintenance of the great principles of the faith and order which they maintain.

During the year, the Alliance has suffered a great loss in the death of the Chairman of the Western Section, and the President

of the Alliance, the Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, D. D., LL. D. Dr Chambers was associated with the Alliance since the year 1880, was the Chairman of the Western Section from 1888, and at the time of his death was the President of the Alliance. His entire career, as a member and officer of the Alliance, was characterized by great dignity, large catholicity of spirit, earnest effort in every movement which gave promise to inuring to the welfare of the churches, and great activity up to the last in the performance of the duties assigned to him. His labors ended, he has received the crown of righteousness which was laid up for him in heaven, and which shall be the portion of all who love the appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

During the year, a movement was initiated by the Alliance in the interests of cooperation in Home Mission work on the part of the churches in the American Section. The Committee having charge of the same, was composed of the Rev. W. H. Roberts, D. D., Chairman, Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D. D., of the Reformed Church in the United States, and Rev. W. S. Owens, D. D., of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. This Committee invited a conference of the officers of the Home Mission Boards of the Churches connected with the Alliance, at Pittsburgh, Pa., on October 31, 1895. The Conference was held as appointed, was largely attended, and as a result of the consultation had, the following conclusions were reached with entire unanimity, viz. :

1. That the work actually accomplished within little more than a century in the planting of the Church of Christ, through Home Mission effort in this new world, is quite as wonderful as the triumphs of the Gospel in heathen lands, and that the success achieved has been more rapid and more complete from the very fact that so many different denominations have been employed in Home Mission effort. More men have been sent forth as laborers into the harvest, more money has been voluntarily given for the work than could have come from any one great organization. The King and Head of the Church Universal has manifestly used ecclesiastical division for the more rapid evangelization of America.

2. That among the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, associated in this Alliance, practical cooperation in the great work of Home Missions has existed for many years, and is in full force at the present time. The relations of the different Boards and Committees are positively fraternal and harmonious ; there is no friction between them, such as has been alleged in certain quarters, neither is there any substantial waste of men or money in denominational rivalry. Errors of judgment doubtless have been made in the location of new missions or churches in the frontier States and Territories, but such errors have been common to secular enterprises in their work as well as to religious organizations. In some new communities, again, it may appear to the superficial observer that too many Church organizations are supported, but it must be remembered that these churches have combined to make such new communities preeminently Christian from their inception. And whatever may have been the errors of judgment or mistakes made in particular fields, here and there, it is a welcome fact that the Churches holding the Reformed faith and the Presbyterian polity, seek steadily to minimize occasions of difference between their respective missionary agencies, endeavor to advance the common interests in a fraternal spirit, and are in full accord in the great work of evangelizing the North American continent.

3. While, however, practical cooperation and harmony thus exist, there is need of some statement of general principles of cooperation, for the guidance of the several Boards or Committees on Home Missions of the respective Churches in the Alliance, such, for instance, as that adopted by the Boards of Home Missions of the Reformed (Dutch) Church in America and the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

The Conference therefore, authorized a second meeting, to consider, and if possible adopt a Plan of Cooperation. It also directed that in addition to the Boards of Home Missions, invitations should be sent to the Boards or Committees of Church Erection, Sabbath-school Work, and Freedmen's Work of the Churches of the Alliance.

The second conference they authorized, was held in New York City on January 30, 1896, and the following Plan of Co-

operation was unanimously adopted by the persons present, representing as intimated above, the Boards of Home Missions, Church Erection, Freedmen's Missions, and Sabbath-school Work of several of the churches in the Alliance. The plan is as follows :

The Boards and Committees of Home Missions, Church Erection, Freedmen's Missions and Sabbath-school Work of the American Churches in "The Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System," both in the United States and Canada, recognizing with gratitude to God their substantial unity both in faith and polity, do agree upon the following principles of action for their guidance in their work, viz :

1. That in the work of all these Boards as related to each other the authority of the Church Courts is to be recognized as final.
2. That there shall be no interference with Churches, Missions or Sabbath-schools at present existing, unless by voluntary agreement between the denominations directly concerned.
3. That ordinarily, no Churches, Missions or Sabbath-schools shall be established in small communities where the field is fully occupied by other Presbyterian or Reformed Churches.
4. That the Supreme Judicatories of the several Churches recommend their Church members when moving into new communities, in which there is no congregation of their own Church, to unite, for the time being, with some other Presbyterian or Reformed Church, if such there be.
5. That if cases of difference of opinion arise in connection with the work, they shall be referred for consideration and amicable adjustment to the missionary authorities of the denominations directly concerned.

This plan has been already submitted to all the Boards interested, for their approval, and has been approved by the Western Section of the Alliance at its meeting, April 28, 1896, in Philadelphia, Pa. It has also been approved, *subject to action by the Supreme Judicatories of the Churches*, by the Boards of Home Missions, Church Erection, Freedmen and Publication and S. S. Work of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.; by the Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church in America; by the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the U.

S.; by the Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Presbyterian Church of North America; and by the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The plan is herewith respectfully submitted to you in the hope that it may be adopted by your venerable body and may bring yet closer together the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches on the American continent.

The Alliance respectfully requests an order from your venerable body for the payment of the annual apportionment of your Church for the expenses of the Alliance. The apportionment is based upon the number of delegates to which your Church is entitled in the General Council of the Alliance, viz. 26, and at \$15.00 per delegate, this amounts to \$390.00.

The notice of last year, with reference to the meeting of the Sixth General Council, is hereby repeated. This Council will meet at Glasgow, Scotland, on June 17, 1896, at 11 A. M. and will continue in session until June 26.

Wishing you grace, mercy and peace, from God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, we are, In behalf of the Alliance

Yours fraternally,

WM. HENRY ROBERTS, *Chairman.*

DAVID WATERS, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF OFFICERS OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the General Synod during Thursday afternoon session, reported in item 3 that the Officers of Synod were authorized to fill vacancies in our representation at the Alliance of Reformed Churches to convene at Glasgow, Scotland. In response to this item the following report was read and adopted :

Alliance of Reformed Churches.

In compliance with the instructions of General Synod (Minutes 1893, p. 60) your Officers, after much correspondence, have filled the vacancies which occurred in the representation of the Reformed Church at the Seventh General Council of the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system

to be held at Glasgow, Scotland, on June 17, A. D. 1896. The delegation is composed of the following :

Rev. D. W. Albright, of Reading, Pa.
Rev. John C. Bowman, D. D., of Lancaster, Pa.
Rev. A. Bromer, D. D., of Philadelphia Pa.
Rev. Edwin Bromer, D. D., of Orwigsburg, Pa.
Rev. J. D. Detrich, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., L. L. D., of Lancaster, Pa.
Rev. James I. Good, D. D., of Reading, Pa.
Rev. Henry H. Kieffer, D. D., of Easton, Pa.
Rev. John H. Prugh, D. D., of Pittsburg, Pa.
Rev. G. W. H. Smith, of Hillsboro, Ohio.
Rev. John I. Swander, D. D., of Tiffin, O.
Rev. S. L. Whitmore, of Mifflinburg, Pa.
Rev. Rufus C. Zartman, of Philadelphia, Pa.
Elder William R. Barnhart, of Greensburg, Pa.
Elder Adam B. Dundore, M. D., Reading, Pa.
Elder John H. Stein, M. D., of Reading, Pa.

and each one of them was furnished with the necessary credentials.

Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., and Rev. John H. Prugh, D. D., were authorized to fill out blanks for any Minister or Elder of the Reformed Church, who may apply to them to be appointed a delegate, when they shall have arrived at Glasgow, Scotland.

In behalf of the Executive Officers,

JACOB DAHLMANN, *Acting Stated Clerk.*

PLAN OF FEDERATION AND CONSENSUS CREED.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod during Thursday afternoon session reported in item 4 concerning the appointment of a Committee on Plan of Federation and Consensus Creed. The following report was read on this item and adopted:

The Committee on Consensus Creed and Federation of the Reformed and Presbyterian Churches would report that there was no meeting of the Joint Committee on Consensus Creed.

There was a meeting of the Joint Committee on Federation in April 1895, which agreed upon a Plan of Federation, which will be presented to the General Synod. This Joint Committee meeting was attended by Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., John M. Titzel, D. D., and James I. Good, D. D.

JAMES I. GOOD, *Chairman.*

PLAN OF FEDERATION AND CONSENSUS CREED.

The following report was presented to General Synod on item 9 in Report on Overtures which was adopted.

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Venerable Brethren:—

The undersigned, with the Revs. Drs. J. Elmendorf and David Steele, were appointed a Committee of Correspondence by the Conference of Committees of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches on a federation of those bodies. We transmitted to you a year ago the Plan of Federation which the Committees in conference agreed to recommend for adoption by the different General Assemblies and General Synods, with the request that, if it commend itself to you, you would adopt the same and continue your Committee to receive the action of the different bodies, and to take the further steps that such action might require.

We beg leave now to report the present status of the movement :

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America postponed the consideration of the plan until this year, and called the attention of the Presbyteries to it for information and advice. The Presbyteries have been considering it, and the Assembly at its meeting in Pittsburgh beginning the 16th inst., is expected finally to act upon it. The United Presbyterian General Assembly has adopted it, and has also elected its delegates to the Federal Council. The General Synod of the (Dutch) Reformed Church in America, and the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church have also adopted it. The General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, referred it to Special Committees to report this year. The General Synod of the Reformed (German) Church in the United States has not yet met, but the members of its Committee were among the most earnest in approving the plan, and are confident of its adoption by their Synod. The Welsh Calvinistic Assembly, which meets every three years, has not yet had the opportunity to act, but favorable action by it is also confidently looked for.

In these circumstances we respectfully ask you again to continue your Committee in order that it may receive the final action of all the judicatories, and report to you as may further be necessary.

Fraternally yours,

R. M. PATTERSON, *Chn. Com. Cor.*

Philadelphia, May 9, 1895.

The Committee appointed by General Synod in 1893 on the Plan of Federation and Consensus Creed consists of Rev. Drs. Thos. G. Apple, D. Van Horne, James I. Good, H. A. Muehlmeier, Jno. M. Titzel, E. V. Gerhart and Elder G. S. Griffith. By the action of Synod the Committee was continued.

METRICAL VERSION OF THE PSALMS.

In the 10th item in the Report of the Standing Committee on Overtures, a communication was presented from the Presbyterian Church in regard to securing a metrical version of the Book of Psalms; this subject was referred to the Special Committee on the Hymnal, who presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the Rev. Synod:—

In considering the memorial of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (North) soliciting the co-operation of the Reformed Church in the United States in securing "a metrical version of the Book of Psalms, which will be correct, elegant and conform to the present canons of literary taste in the English tongue," as will commend it to all who may desire to use the Psalms in praise, referred by this synod to the Hymnal Committee, we stand in doubt as to what is expected of us, or what the will of the Synod is as touching the matter.

We appreciate the courtesy shown our Church in asking us to join our brethren of the Presbyterian Church in an undertaking of such importance and significance. We however respectfully decline the kindly proffer and instruct the Stated Clerk to so inform Dr. Craven, Chairman of the Joint Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. A. HOFFHEINS,
J. M. SCHICK.

ARTICLE XII.

REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCH IN 1793.

In item 18 of the Report on Minutes of General Synod attention is called to the appointment of a Committee to ascertain the membership of the Reformed Church in the U. S. in 1793. The following report was read in response to the item, and was adopted.

The Committee appointed, at the last meeting of the General Synod, "to ascertain as accurately as possible the total membership of the Reformed Church in the United States in 1793," would respectfully present the accompanying estimate, prepared by the Rev. Dr. J. H. Dubbs, of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., after consultation with the late Stated Clerk of the Synod, the Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter. According to this estimate, prepared, in the absence of any statistical table for the year 1793, from the reports of the years nearest that date, from incidental statements in the biographies of pastors etc., the Reformed Church in the United States embraced 5,182 families, 15,546 communicant members, and 46,638 adherents.

Respectfully submitted,

J. SPANGLER KIEFFER, *Chairman.*

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STATUS ECCLESIAE—1793.

Ministers.	Congregations.	Charges.	Families	Communicants.	Adherents.	
Wm. Hendel, D. D.	1	Lancaster.....	182	546	1638	Report of 1791.
J. H. Helffrich	7	Heidelberg, Lowhill, &c.....	246	738	2314	Report of 1792.
Wm. Runckel	4	Frederick, Md. &c.	220	630	1980	Report of 1791.
Philip R. Pauli	4	Reading.....	150	450	350	Estimated.
Jonath. Rahausser	7	Hagerstown.....	130	390	1170	Estimated.
J. Theob. Faber, Jr	3	Goshenhoppen.....	200	600	1800	Report of 1791.
John Mann	3	Lower Saucon, &c.....	186	558	1674	Report of 1790.
Danl. Wagner.....	6	Tulpehocken	186	555	1674	Report of 1791.
J. H. Winckhaus	1	Philadelphia	*210	630	1890	Estimated.
Casper Wack.....	3	Rockaway, Valley and N. J.	65	195	585	Report of 1790.
Philip Stock	3	Shippensburg, Chambersburg.....	80	240	720	Estimated.
J. C. Gobrecht	4	Hanover, &c	220	666	1980	Report of 1786.
Anthony Hautz	3 ¹	Harrisburg	100	300	900	Estimated.

*) Too low — there were 300 families in 1775.)

STATUS ECCLESIAE—1793. (Concluded.)

Ministers.	Congre-gations.	Charges.	Families.	Communi-cants	Adher-ants.	
Absent.						
F. Dallicker.....	3	Falkener Swamp	269	807	2421	Report of 1791.
W. Otterbein	1	Baltimore.....	60	180	540	Report of 1791
Geo. Troldenier.....	1	Baltimore (1st Church).....	120	360	1080	Records.
Saml. Dubendorf.....	4	Carlisle.....	100	300	900	Estimated.
J. W. Weber.....	4	Pittsburg, &c	80	230	720	Records.
Nich Pomp.....	3	Tohickon	113	339	1017	Report of 1786.
G. A. Gueting.....	.....	Antietam .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Abraham Blumer.....	4	Allentown, Egypt, &c.....	173	519	1557	Report of 1786.
F. L. Herman	2	Germantown and Frankford.....	180	540	1620	Report of 1786.
Omitted or Independent.						
D. Gros, D. D.....	1	Forsythe St., N. Y.....	85	255	765	Estimated.
Wm. Heudel, Jr.....	.....	Assistant, elect.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
J. W. Ingold.....	5	Amity, &c.....	70	210	630	Estimated.
J. W. G. Nevelling.....	.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
R. R. Comingoe.....	1	Lunenburg, Nova Scotia.....	60	180	540	Records.
B. F. Willy.....	5	Woodstock, Va.....	80	240	720	Estimated.
A. Rosenkrantz.....	2	Canajoharie, N. Y.....	50	150	450	Estimated.
John G. Gebhard.....	3	Claverack, N. Y.....	50	150	450	Estimated.
Wm Stoy.....	8	Berks and Lebanon Cos.....	130	390	1170	Estimated.
Henry Weider.....	4	Adams Co.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ludwig Lupp.....	10	Lebanon, Manheim &c.....	133	40	1200	Estimated.
Andrew Loretz	10	N. C. and S. C.....	80	240	720	Records.
Ulrich Heininger.....	3	Landisburg &c.....	50	150	450	Records.
Vacant Charges.						
.....	4	Easton, Dryland, &c	160	480	1440	Estimated.
.....	1	York, Pa	78	234	702	Estimated.
.....	3	Creagertown, Apples, &c., Md.....	60	18	540	Estimated.
.....	4	Sunbury, &c.....	40	120	360	Estimated.
.....	5	Muddy Creek &c.....	148	444	1332	Estimated.
.....	3	Gettysburg	72	216	648	Estimated.
.....	3	Whitpain, &c.....	16	378	1134	Estimated.
.....	4	Allen, Moore township, &c	80	240	720	Estimated.
.....	4	Manchester, Md.....	120	360	1080	Estimated.
.....	4	North Carolina.....	40	120	360	Estimated.
.....	20	Other vacant church. (estimat.)	200	600	1800	Estimated.
Total.	178		1582	15,546	46,638	

N. B. There is no statistical table extant for the year 1793.

The following table has been made up from the reports of the year nearest that date, incidental statements in the biographies of pastors, &c. In early reports the number of families alone is given—not one of them mentions the number of members. In the present table three communicants are reckoned to each family, and three adherents for each communicant.

The latter number is supposed to include unconfirmed children, and supporters of the church not actually communicants.

Jos. H. DUEBS,

Lancaster, Pa., Aug. 15th 1793

STATE OF THE CHURCH, 1896.

The Standing Committee on the State of the Church submitted its report to General Synod during the session of Thursday afternoon, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit :

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES :

Dear Fathers and Brethren :

The reports which have been submitted to your committee breathe the spirit of thanksgiving for blessings and prosperity, and look forward with cheerfulness and hope. They all give evidence of earnestness and zeal, of faithfulness and ability on the part of pastors, and of increased intelligent co-operation on the part of members. Nor does this activity appear to have closed our vision to the subtle and unceasing efforts of the prince of darkness, whose warfare against the church and whose deplorable triumphs over some of God's children are noted. In spite of such temporary victories of evil, we rest in the Savior's promise, "Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

The depressing influence of financial stringency during the past three years is noticed, but though it has retarded to some extent the work of the church, has caused discomfort to our pastors and members, and serious perplexity to our boards, yet it has not chilled their ardor. The trials, of which it has been the source, have been endured with submission ; faith in the everlasting goodness of our Father has been strengthened, and the expressions of thankfulness, which pervade the reports, are an indication that we have learned to know more of the apostolic confidence voiced by Saint Paul, "As poor yet making many rich : as having nothing and yet possessing all things."

Any trial to our happiness, courage or faith, may be welcome when it serves to fix our faith on him, "whom having not seen we love, in whom, though now we see him not, yet believing we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." The consciousness of this divine Presence and the support of his Word have been experienced in all sections of our church, and it may be safely asserted, that the conditions of such experience were the anxieties and perplexities which have called us to rest with more childlike confidence on the Lord, rather than on an arm of flesh, and to seek the guidance of his Spirit, rather than to depend on our own wisdom.

Visible manifestations of activity and growth are to be seen in all directions. Woman's missionary societies, mission bands,

young people's organizations of various names have increased in numbers, have received the encouragement of synods and classes, and have come under the supervising care of this body. The hopes and energies of the young, united with a sense of responsibility to their confirmation vows, will make them efficient co-workers with the Lord. In the spirit and fellowship of him, whose glory was obedience, the law of whose life was love, may the youth of our church enjoy in greater degree the presence of the Holy Spirit, promised to the fathers and to the children, and under his direction be fully consecrated to the service of God and humanity.

The reports emphasize the importance of infant baptism and catechization, and the lament is expressed that in some directions these features of our Reformed life have not been as faithfully observed as they ought. This is not strange when we consider the views which prevail with regard to these subjects in some of the large and influential Christian bodies of the land. The influence which they exert on the one hand, and on the other hand the danger of making but a mere formal use of the sacraments, of catechization and of confirmation, expose us to indifference towards them. We need to emphasize their importance. We need also to emphasize faith, spiritual life and Christian experience to which these ordinances are aids, and the transient neglect of them will be corrected.

The Sunday-school has been under more thorough organization than ever before. At our last General Synod the Sunday-school Board was clothed with new powers, and a general secretary was subsequently elected. Much has been done in the way of improvement in Sunday-school literature and especially in Sunday-school mission work. The board has met with a gratifying response from our schools. We have been to some extent, and unconsciously, under the influence of boards, publishing houses and individuals whose views are foreign to our church life. Methods of instruction and worship have been modified and determined in many instances, more from without than from within. This is evident with regard to our literature, worship, festival services and alms. The liberty of each school to choose in such matters for itself, irrespective of influence brought to bear upon

it from the church, does not secure the highest freedom. It often results in a temporary submission to methods of instruction and worship from which it becomes necessary for the school to free itself. This is to be avoided by working in harmony with our constituted authorities, and the increased co-operation and sympathy of our schools with the board is evidence of improvement in this regard.

It is with a profound feeling of gratitude that we refer to the labors of our missionaries at home and abroad.

The presence of our missionary, Rev. W. E. Hoy, has been a blessing to our churches. He has been heard with solemn joy, as he presented the difficulties and triumphs of our mission work. His visits to our congregations, classes and synods, the information he conveyed, and the appeals he made have done much to give the church an intelligent view of the sacrifices and successes, attending our foreign mission; of the importance of the educational work to which so much of its energies are devoted, and to inspire us with increased love and zeal for the cause. The thrilling address with which his labors in this country closed, and the pathos of the farewell service with which we bade him "God-speed" on his return journey, will linger in our memories and constrain us to renewed exertion in behalf of the Redeemer's kingdom.

The reports of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions, and of the committees to whom they were referred, are so full that we shall not add to the length of this report by the mention of details. We congratulate the church on the facts, that the finances have been wisely managed, & the treasuries are in healthful condition, and the work has been extended. In spite of the financial depression of past years, the church has responded nobly, and this we assume to be evidence of our faith in the divine promise, and of confidence in those servants of the church to whose watchful oversight these sacred interests have been committed.

In the way of outward advancement we further notice that fifty-six congregations have been organized, a number of churches have been erected, our schools and colleges are flourishing, and command a larger number of students than ever before, our colleges for women have been strengthened in equipments and effi-

ciency, and a new and handsome edifice has been erected for the oldest theological institution of the church at Lancaster, Pa.

These evidences of outward prosperity should be viewed in the spirit of thankfulness, and strengthen our purpose for the accomplishment of greater things in the future. We make no appeal to pride. Neither do we call for a comparison of what has been done with what might have been done, the effect of which is depressing rather than elevating. We rather bow in thankfulness and joy before Him, who mercifully pardons our imperfections and bids us receive His blessings with grateful hearts. Brethren, let us thank God and take courage!

The inward spiritual life of our church known only by him who searches the mind and the spirit, is not altogether hidden from our view. It is a significant fact, that while there has been a gain of 13,742 members, there has been an increase of \$26,379 in benevolent contributions. And further, that the increase of expenditures for congregational purposes is \$45,608, or only about one-third more for congregational purposes than for benevolence.

Does this not mean that our people, so generous and hospitable in private life, are developing in the knowledge of the duty and the privilege of laboring for others?

We desire to call special attention to the spirit of peace and brotherly love, which pervades our whole church—not the peace of inactivity, nor of careless indifference, but that which exists in full harmony with a pronounced difference of views on some of the most important questions, which press for solution. The great apostle, Peter, whose spirit doubtless smarted under the keen edge of St. Paul's rebuke, rose above the personal sense of injury he may have felt at the time, and put on record to those dearly attached to himself the praise of his beloved brother Paul. What a sublime thing is this subordination of the *ego* to the deeper life of the church and love of the brethren. This it is, which has not only characterized our sessions as a synod, but which is the reflection of the spirit pervading the church whose servants we are. The Holy Spirit, with his gracious power and influence, has been drawing us closer to the heart of Christ,

where all enthusiasm is tempered with judgment, and all wisdom with humility, and every effort is sanctified with love.

In conclusion it remains for us to bow before the great God, with whom are the issues of life and death, in humble mourning for the afflicted ones whose homes have been visited by death; and to rejoice in the knowledge, that those who have preceded us to the heavenly world now rest from their labors, and await with us the glorious coming in majesty of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. While this report only calls for the record of those who have been taken from the ranks of the ministry, yet we first of all bespeak for all our people who have been afflicted the sympathy and prayers of the church. Among those, whose names we record, are found some who, by reason of long life or official position have been prominent and well known. Others, who in more humble life have been faithful stewards and whose names, for all we know, may shine with a brighter lustre in the heavenly kingdom. The rose loses none of its beauty, because of its prominence, the violet none of its fragrance, though hid from view amidst sheltering leaves.

Of these brethren, it seems but proper that mention should be made of Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., who for a number of years was the efficient clerk of this body, and of whose memory and labors a suitable tribute has already been put on record. Also of Rev. Geo. W. Welker, D. D., a former president of this synod, and a member of the Peace Commission. And finally of Rev. Amos H. Kremer, D. D., who at the time of his death was President of the Board of Visitors of one of our theological seminaries, and the oldest minister by term of service in active work.

Fathers and brethren, the circle of kindred and friends is ever widening in the heavenly kingdom. The gloom of death, the dread of the grave is ever diminishing in power, as we behold one after the other, of our spiritual household entering into rest. They stand ready to welcome us to the General Synod above. May the spirit of concord and peace, ruling there undiminished by human frailty, uninfluenced by suspicion or misunderstanding, dwell in fuller measure in the church below, that with united hands and hearts we may labor and pray for the coming of our

Lord Jesus Christ, to whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

Revs. E. N. KREMER,
ISAAC N. PEIGHTEL,

J. H. STEPLER;

Elders, GEO. F. BARIES,

J. W. BICKEL.

Committee.

NECROLOGY.

As supplemental to the Report on the State of Religion and Morals the stated Clerk was directed to record the names, and years of service, of those ministers who have died during the triennial interim from June 1st 1893 to May 27th 1896.

	Licensed	ordained.	Residence.	Died.	Age.
Accola, Oswald E	1888	1888	New Philadelphia, O...	1894 May 13.....	29, 3, 14.
Beeker, Chas	1846	1846	Philadelphia, Pa	1894 July 15.....	77.
Bielfeld, Herman.....	1850	1850	Frederick, Md.....	1895 Nov. 29.....	80, 2, 25.
Busche, D. D. John Fred....	1844	1844	New York	1893 July 10.....	75, 11, 5.
Buser, J. H.....	1850	1852	Coneyville, Iowa.....	1893 Dec 18.....	67, 13.
Deehant, Geo. B.....	1860	1860	Numidia, Pa.....	1895 Sept. 19.....	68, 2, 25.
Fisher, D. D., Chas. G.....	1866	1866	Philadelphia, Pa	1896 Feb. 25.....	58, 1, 27.
Forwick, F .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Glantz, John C .....	.....	.....	Nanticoke, Pa.....	1893 June 5.....	63
Gehr, D. D., Nicholas.....	1842	1842	Philadelphia, Pa	1896 March 3.....	78, 9, 19.
Grant, James.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gross, Simon K.....	1854	1855	Salisbury, Pa.....	1893 Sept. 24.....	63, 9, 15.
Kuecker, B. R.....	1869	1869	Lennox, S. Dakota.....	1894 March 31.....	51, 7.
Herbruck, V. D., Peter.....	1842	1842	Panton, O	1895 Sept. 22.....	82, 7, 14.
Hensell, John C.....	1835	1836	Mt. Crawford, Va.....	1894 March 9.....	84.
Helffrieh, William A.....	1845	1845	Fogelsville, Pa	1894 March 17	66, 6, 20.
Heilman, Calvin Urieh	1864	1864	Greencastle Pa	1895 July 24.....	54, 8, 4.
Hibshman, D. D., II. H. W.....	1863	1863	Stroudsburg.....	1896 April 11.....	58, 4, 18.
Kawker, A.....	1872	1872	Dayton, O	1895 Feb. 27.....	81, 3, 16.
Hoffmeier, Henry W.....	1868	1868	Middletown, Md.....	1895 April 12.....	62, 3, 16.
Kremer, D. D., Amos H.....	1844	1844	Carlisle, Pa.....	1894 May 8.....	80.
Kuss, Charles.....	1848	1849	Rochester, N. Y.....	1893 Sept. 11.....	76, 8, 19.
Lange, Julius.....	1878	1878	Germany	1894 Jan. 11.....	42, 10, 23.
Leinbach, Jno. Hiester.....	1878	1878	Reading, Pa.....	1895 Aug. 25.....	43.
Loose, Joseph H.....	1851	1852	Bridgewater, Va.....	1894 April 17.....	73, 1.
Levan, D. D., Franklin, K.....	1856	1857	Wilkesbarre, Pa.....	1894 Nov. 13.....	63, 3, 18.
Lake, O. E.....	1866	1866	Holton, Kansas.....	1895 June 15.....	57, 8, 7.
Lerch, J. V.....	1874	1874	Dayton, O	1894 July 14.....	50, 2, 4.
Neuber, J. G.....	1858	1858	Philadelphia, Pa	1896 April 21.....	70.
Mueller, F. K.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Phillips, Saml. Hilton.....	1887	1887	Durham, Bucks Co., Pa.	1895 July 9	33.
Reiter, D. D., I. II	1854	1854	Miamisburg, O.....	1895 Nov. 8.....	76, 9, 4.
Shoemaker, D. O.....	1860	1860	Stoystown, Pa.....	1893 Aug. 25.....	60, 4, 25.
Shade, Jessie Shunk.....	1848	1848	Philadelphia, Pa	1894 July 31.....	75, 11, 22.
Spangler, Peter J.....	1844	1844	Plymouth, Ind	1895 June 10.....	80, 11, 24.
Thompson, Albert A. Rhodes	1879	1879	Collegeville, Pa.....	1894 June 22.....	42, 4, 12.
Weiker, D. D. Geo. W.....	1842	1842	Lamont, N. C.....	1894 July 9.....	76, 8, 6.
Weisz, D. D., Israel S.....	1843	1843	York, Pa.....	1894 Jan. 15.....	72, 1, 18.
Wanner, D. D., Aaron.....	1843	1843	York, Pa.....	1894 June 23.....	75, 9.
Wiers, Nicholas.....	1873	1873	Milltown, N. J	1894 Jan. 7.....	53, 5, 21.



Isaac H. Reiter,

A MEMORIAL ON REV. ISAAC H. REITER, D. D., DECEASED.

STATED CLERK OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

On the second day of the sessions the President announced to General Synod the death of its former Stated Clerk, the late Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., of Miamisburg, Ohio. A Committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. Drs. Mich. Loueks, Geo. B. Russell, Jno. S. Stahr, Elders Jno. W. Bickel, Esq., and N. L. Brewer, Esq., to present a suitable memorial. The Committee submitted the following as their report, which was adopted.

To the Reverend General Synod:—

It was not intended, we suppose, as the purpose of our appointment, that this Committee should submit a biographical sketch of the late Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter, whose lamented death, having occurred while an officer of this body, was formally announced this morning by the President. Our minute therefore refers only to his official relation to the General Synod.

The Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter was the first Stated Clerk of this Synod and continued in the office for almost thirty-three years, from its organization in 1863, until his useful life came to an end Nov. 8, 1895.

It is our mournful privilege to record as a fit tribute to his memory, the fact that he was most faithful, careful, untiring and efficient in the discharge of the onerous duties as Stated Clerk—along with manifold other exacting labors in behalf of the Reformed Church, to which his whole ministerial life was devoted and filled with unflagging zeal and ardent love.

He was a man full of faith and good works. Many among us personally, as well as the church at large, can bear testimony to his patient and unselfish services for the welfare of Zion. We rejoice together that he now rests from his labors.

It were a fitting memorial that the excellent likeness of the deceased brother in the Souvenir presented by the Reformed Publishing Company, appear bound together herewith in the published proceedings of this meeting.

While we are thankful for his long life of self-sacrificing service, we are not unmindful that even in death he yet speaketh, and thereby calls to those of us who remain, to work, for the night cometh. In the death of its late Stated Clerk, the General Synod has sustained a sore loss from the working force of its ministerial ranks; yet we humbly bow in Christian submission to the unerring will of our Heavenly Father, and place on the records this fraternal tribute as sacred to the memory of Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL LOUCKS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS—HOME AND FOREIGN.

The following reports on the subject of Missions, both Home and Foreign, claimed the attention of General Synod during its sessions and were adopted.

I. HOME MISSIONS—TRIENNIAL REPORTS.

1. *Triennial Report of the Board of Home Missions.*

For Three Years Preceding May 1, 1896.

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES.

Reverend Fathers and Brethren in Christ :

As Stewards of Christ and His Church by appointment of your reverend body, commissioned with the responsible work of extending the kingdom of our Saviour and Redeemer, within the limits of our own country, your Board of Home Missions would present the following report of their work as carried forward during the past three years.

ORGANIZATION.

The Board was reorganized at the beginning of the present term of service by the election of the following officers, to wit :

President, Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D.; Vice-President, Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D.; Secretary, Rev. T. J. Barkley, D. D., Treasurer, Elder Jas. T. Reber; Treasurer of church extension funds, Elder C. M. Boush.

Executive Committee: Revs, Peters, Leberman, Barkley, Yockey, and Elder Boush. General Superintendent, Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D.; Eastern Superintendent, Rev. A. C. Whitmer; Western Superintendent, Rev. D. B. Shuey.

GENERAL GROWTH AND PROSPECTS OF THE WORK.

As the Board has gone forward in the superintendence of the work from year to year, we have had precious indications that the "Lord of the harvest" has been blessing the labors of our beloved Church. With but very few exceptions our missionary fields have been continuously furnished with missionary pastors. Diligent care has been exercised in the selection and appointment of missionaries, and usually the appointments have been fortunate. The missionaries under our care have in the main been men who are animated with the true spirit of missionary activity, with an ardent love of humanity, and an earnest longing for the salvation of men, self-sacrificing in their special work, consecrated in spirit, willing to spend and be spent in the service of the great Shepherd and Bishop of souls. The work through their activity has been signally crowned with the divine blessing, both in the internal spiritual edification of the kingdom of grace in the hearts and lives of men and in the extension of our denominational heritage. The Church has been steadily but surely "lengthening her cords and strengthening her stakes". Never before in our history in this country has the Reformed Church had a greater opportunity of raising the standard of the Gospel of the Christ among the unsaved thousands of our land than she has to-day. Fields of usefulness, hitherto unthought of, are continually presented to us in the larger cities and centers of population. The Board has not been unmindful of these indications of Providence and the leadings of the Holy Spirit. But one hindrance has prevented us from entering more generally into these destitute fields and taking possession of the territory in the name of Jesus, the Lord of men. That lack, we regret to

say, has been the failure of the Church to provide the pecuniary help necessary for the more extensive prosecution of the work entrusted to us. The policy of the Board has been to avoid as much as possible the accumulation of a large financial liability. This course we have felt we owe, on the one hand to the missionaries already under our care, and on the other to the Church whose servants we are. During the period now closed, on three occasions have we been very seriously embarrassed by an empty treasury just at the juncture when the funds were particularly needed to pay the men in the field their just dues. Twice we ventured to go into bank and borrow the amount needed, in order to avoid suffering on the part of those to whom the Church stood indebted. We hope the membership of the Church may be so quickened with a sense of their responsibility that by their gifts the Board shall be enabled in future to avoid a like necessity. That "the laborer is worthy of his hire" has the sanction of the divine word. And may we not hope, further, that this Synod may in its wisdom inaugurate some measure by which larger offerings may be made by our people to this urgent cause of the Lord, in order that your Board may be fully equipped for more efficient service in advancing the Redeemer's kingdom, not only in localities where the Reformed Church is already established, but in so many of the large centers of population of our beloved land where she has neither a local habitation nor a name?

MISSIONS ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

The information will doubtless be painful to the Synod, as the necessity has been painful to the Board, that by the force of circumstances we have been obliged to discontinue our work on the Pacific coast. This decision was reached only after long and prayerful deliberation, with a deep sense of our special obligation to the sections of the country nearer to our center of operation. It was first recommended by the Bi-synodic Board, under whose supervision the work was originally started, and the reasons assigned for the step were fully sanctioned by our General Board. The history of our embarrassments in the work on the Pacific coast is too long for minute recital in this connection. We can but briefly summarize herein our reasons for the discontinuance:

1. The judgment of the Board on the question of withdrawal was based, not on the condition of the missions during one or two years simply, but on their lack of prosperity for twenty years.

2. The Board was disappointed at every turn. Repeatedly what was set before us as a most promising field turned out to be fruitless.

3. We failed, to a great extent, to secure the best men for the field. By repeated correspondence with the German brethren of our Church in the West, we made earnest effort to get suitable men; but these men were too frequently called elsewhere, and many who were recommended declined our call. In other words, we had not enough suitable men for this special work.

4. As the work was largely among a German population, the Board at one time was disposed to believe that possibly it could be more successfully carried forward by the German portion of the Church; but in two attempts to transfer the work to the German brethren we utterly failed. The first effort was made in 1887, when the Bi-synodic Board offered to give \$2,000 per year for three years; but both the Eastern and Western German Boards declined the overture. In 1893 another effort was made, when the General Board offered to support the missions for six years, promising to pay \$8,500 for that period; but the German Synods of the West declined the overture, which seemed to us very significant of their views of the work on the Pacific coast.

5. The cost of the work in California during these twenty years was \$10,000; while the cost for Oregon and Washington during the same period was \$20,000, thus aggregating \$30,000. In view of all these facts, the Boards, both Bi-synodic and General, felt that the fruitage had not been commensurate with the efforts exerted and the means expended, and hence for prudential reasons the work was discontinued.

WORK OF THE BOARD OF THE GERMAN DISTRICT SYNODS.

The home mission work of the German portion of the Church has, as heretofore, been carried forward by their own District Boards. No action has been reported as having ^{been} taken by

any of the German Synods looking toward the unification of their work with that of the General Board. The work of our German brethren is confined largely, though not exclusively, to large cities, their territory in the western section of the country extending from West Virginia to the Dakotas, and from the Lakes on the North into Tennessee on the South. Their work has been abundantly blessed by the great Head of the Church ; although, with the General Board, they recognize the growing necessity upon them for extension into new fields and general enlargement of their activities. Their great lack also has been in the supply of financial means. Their Boards pray for a larger inspiration of the missionary spirit in the churches, among both the ministry and the laity, in order that the claims of the masses for the privileges of the Gospel of our Lord may be more fully met and satisfied. During the period just closed six of their missions became self-supporting ; six were dropped from their roll, some of these, however, being cared for by Classical reconstructions ; while ten new points have been taken up and promised support. Their Church erection work is in a peculiarly flourishing condition ; they have received large gifts for this purpose, as is shown in the accompanying statistical table. The fund of the Western Synods at present amounts to \$21,241, which is loaned to fifteen of their congregations.

Our German brethren deserve special commendation for their growing interest and activity in the work, as well as for their increasing gifts for the spread of the Gospel. Indeed, in the matter of pecuniary support they excel their English brethren, as the statistics of the last General Synod will testify. May they become a still greater example of Christian faith and good works.

* THE HARBOR MISSION.

The Board still maintains the mission at the harbor of New York. It has continued to be of efficient service to the immigrants landing upon our shores. The missionary in charge is well adapted to the special duties required in the position and has the work well in hand. His salary up to October, 1893, was only \$720. It was felt that this sum was wholly inadequate for a residence in the City of New York and for the labor required of him.

Accordingly, since the date above given the salary has been \$1,000, which the Board regards as a very moderate sum for a position of that character. The missionary reports that the Reformed Church in America and the Presbyterian Church of the United States having no harbor missionaries at the port of New York, he is frequently called upon to assist immigrants having affiliations with these Churches as they land at said port. The Board therefore suggests to the General Synod the propriety of taking measures looking toward the cooperation, in some way, of these sister Churches with us in this harbor mission work at New York, if it be only to enlist their interest to such extent as to secure some assistance in the support of the missionary.

THE WORK AMONG THE HUNGARIANS.

At the time of our last report to your reverend body the Board had under its care two missions among these people, viz.: Cleveland, Ohio, Rev. Gustav Jurany, missionary; and Pittsburg, Pa., Rev. John Kovacs, missionary. During the three years past the following additional missions in this special line of work have been established, to wit: Mt. Carmel, Pa.; South Norwalk and Bridgeport, Conn.; New York City; and Trenton, New Jersey. Hence we now have six distinctively Hungarian missions. Two years ago permission was given Rev. John Kovacs to locate at Assiniboia, Canada, for the purpose of ministering to the spiritual interests of his countrymen at that place. He has since withdrawn from the work under our immediate care, but continues his labors in that region. In order to carry forward the work which had thus grown upon our hands so extensively, it became necessary to call from Austro-Hungary, additional to the force already here, four men who would be able to minister to these people in their own language. These missions are now severally supplied with pastors as follows: Cleveland, O., Rev. Alexander Harsanyi; Pittsburg, Pa., Rev. Francis Ferenczi; Mt. Carmel, Pa., Rev. Alexander Kalassay; South Norwalk and Bridgeport, Conn., Rev. Gabriel Dokus; New York City, Rev. Bartholomew Demeter; Trenton, N. J., Rev. Gustav Jurany.

The missions at Pittsburg, Cleveland, Mt. Carmel and South

Norwalk have their own church edifices. The work among these Hungarian people has been very graciously recognized by God and blessed in our hands. No other field has been so rich in fruitage for the limited number of men and the pecuniary means expended. It will be necessary, however, for the Synods greatly to increase their contributions to this special work in order that the Board may be able to carry forward successfully what has now been undertaken. The field is truly ripe for the harvest, and more extended operations should in the near future be assumed. The amount now required for the support of the six missions under our care is about \$3,000 per annum. Will the Church not only sustain the Board with this annual contribution, but through the voice of the General Synod say Go forward, by supplying the means for an enlargement of the work?

CO-OPERATION WITH THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

Your Board of Home Missions has entered into an arrangement, or carefully worded "contract," with the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod by which the latter becomes a great helper of our home mission work. According to the terms of this contract the Sunday-school Board elects a Sunday-school Missionary, whose election is confirmed by the Board of Home Missions. The duty incumbent upon this missionary is to labor in such towns and cities as may be designated by the mutual authority of both Boards, and to open up Sunday-schools, with a view of establishing missions. The missionary is directly under the control of the General Superintendent of Missions and the Secretary of the Sunday-school Board. Rev. J. C. Horning has been elected to the office of Sunday-school Missionary. During the two years past he has done efficient work in organizing Sunday-schools and preparing the way for new missions in New Kensington, Pa., Youngstown, Warren, Springfield and Columbus, O. In each of these places a mission has been established. The two Boards have cooperated with each other harmoniously and very effectively for the furtherance of the general work. By these means new fields of usefulness have been opened up more rapidly than the Church has appreciated, if the amount of her gifts to the cause may be regarded as the measure of her interest.

The Sunday-school Missionary has shown excellent qualifications for his special duties in the service of the Board. He is a “workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth.”

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

As an adjunct or help to our work we would again acknowledge the influence and efficiency of these women's auxiliaries. In the English section of the Church alone twenty-nine Classical Societies have been organized, and have been doing faithful service in the cause of Christ by their prayers and their gifts. We deem it but just that we should put upon record a brief statistical statement of this part of the women's work, during the past three years, officially furnished as follows :

The aggregate amount of money raised has been \$17,072.61, of which amount the distribution to the several objects of benevolence has been :

For Home Missions	\$6,224.11.
For Church-building.....	1,936.21.
For Foreign Missions.....	7,209.75.

The balance has been given for Beneficiary Education, Orphans' Home, the *Woman's Journal*, and contingent purposes.

THE FINANCIAL CRISIS IN THE WORK IN REFERENCE TO THE CLAIMS IN BEHALF OF THE CENTERS OF POPULATION.

The amount asked of the District Synods for this particular work during the triennial term, including Home, Hungarian and Harbor mission work, was \$132,000. This amount was most sacredly promised the Board by the action of the five English Synods. The amount realized by the Board during this period has been exactly \$116,330, leaving a deficit of \$15,670. As the Classes, through their Synodical or Advisory Boards, have from time to time strongly recommended important points as suitable to be taken up for missionary effort, the General Board has done all in its power to meet the requests of these auxiliary bodies, but we have always allowed a large margin for possible deficiencies in the sums voted by the Synods. With all the care exercised, however, the Church still, more than once, failed to contribute

as much as was expected, which failure at different times left the Board without funds, and which at the present time causes the outlook to be less hopeful than either your Board or your reverend body should desire, if, as good stewards of the mysteries of grace, we are to discern the signs of the times.

Many of the larger towns and cities have been earnestly calling upon us for help. Will the Reformed Church turn a deaf ear to these appeals and by her indifference say she has no call to go among these teeming swarms of humanity who are crying out for the bread of life? They need the help of our Church. The sons and daughters of a Reformed lineage, by the hundreds, are moving into these cities. They are calling upon us to come to their spiritual help with the Church of their choice. But, aside from these appeals from our own spiritual kindred, there is no need of asking where as a Church we are needed. We are needed wherever there are souls to be saved in all the cities and larger towns of the land, but especially in the rapidly developing centers of humanity of the broad West. St. Louis, Mo., Omaha, Neb., Indianapolis, Ind., Toledo, O., and Detroit, Mich., have special claims. Among these St. Louis and Detroit have been calling most persistently for a long time. In addition to the points just mentioned, our attention is again challenged to Chicago, Ill., where there are swarming Bohemian and Polish populations, many of whom belong to the Reformed faith. Ten Protestant missions of other denominations have been established among these peoples, but they are weak and languishing, we are informed, because the people say they prefer their own spiritual mother, the Reformed Church. The Board has determined in the near future to place a missionary among these peoples, who shall be able to officiate both in the Bohemian and Polish tongues. Shall we enter these wide fields of usefulness, and have part in helping to mould the civilization of this country in the coming century by inspiring it with the spirit of the Gospel of the Christ? If the Church be so minded, let her say so by furnishing the men and the means for a more aggressive policy by which we may enter in and possess the land which is so ripe for the harvest.

OUR CHURCH-BUILDING FUNDS.

In our last triennial report we had the pleasure of noting the inauguration of plans, both by the Bi-synodic Board and the General Board, looking toward the raising of Special Funds for the work of church extension. These plans have been further brought to the attention of our people, and the claims for this special line of activity continuously and vigorously pressed with the following results: the Bi-synodic Board now numbers on its list thirty of these Special Funds of \$500 each, and, in addition to these completed Funds, five partial Funds; while the General Board has secured eighteen Funds, of the same amount each, and reports four more as in process of formation. These Funds have been a source of great help to the Board in establishing new missions. We would earnestly request the Advisory Boards to seek out persons blessed with pecuniary means, who may be induced to endow such Funds.

Much of the money for this department has been invested in lots which the Boards hold by deed in trust for the Church. The time given the missions for the repayment of these Funds is usually from six to eight years. Consequently but little of this money has as yet been returned. It is hoped that when the missions begin to pay back the moneys invested in their lots and churches the Board will be enabled to extend its work in this special direction more rapidly.

THE NEED OF MORE EFFICIENT CHURCH EXTENSION.

Whilst we have great cause for gratitude to God, the Author and Inspirer of all good work by His people, for what has been accomplished in the gathering of these Church-building Funds, it is, however, very evident that this special feature of the work has never been appreciated by our Church as its importance demands. The general work of home missions cannot be carried forward as it should be, if we are to keep pace with other Churches in taking possession of our beloved land for Christ, without a most decided expansion of our means necessary for church extension as the chief essential condition for missionary progress. In this age of stirring activity in Church work it is almost, if not wholly, useless to attempt mission work in a large

city with any hope of speedy and permanent growth, without some means at hand wherewith the mission may be helped to secure its own chapel or church edifice for worship. For this reason the Board feels so keenly the urgent need of more funds for this purpose ; yea, we may add, it feels utterly helpless for the more rapid prosecution of work without a much larger church extension fund than is available at present. We would therefore respectfully but earnestly request the General Synod that some efficient measure may be projected by which a permanent fund, amounting to \$100,000, may be provided, within the ensuing five years, for the special work of church extension. In the judgment of your Board, since we are now called to enter largely into city mission work, this is an *imperative necessity* that is laid upon the Church. The cities demand our immediate attention, and to carry forward missionary work in them which will prove abiding requires large means. And, indeed, is not the amount asked for this purpose but a moderate sum for the Reformed Church, blessed, as she has been, with a rapidly increasing membership, and gifted with no little responsibility for pecuniary wealth ? We feel assured that your reverend body will take such wise and prudent action as may quicken the Church to a sense of her obligation in behalf of this worthy cause.

In this connection, as a help toward the realization of the endowment fund for church extension, the Board will further overture your reverend body to consider the propriety of authorizing the publication of a missionary periodical for the entire Church in the special interests of the home and foreign missionary work, the management of which shall be entrusted jointly to both Boards of Missions, Home and Foreign, together with the Sunday-school Board. It is further suggested that the said periodical be issued monthly, at a subscription price so moderate that a general circulation of the same among our people may be easily assured, and, moreover, that its contents be specially adapted to the missionary wants of Sunday-schools, Missionary Societies, Christian Endeavor Societies and congregations. In this way, your Board believes that a publication of this character would have an educational influence in bringing about a more thorough development of the missionary spirit among our people.

The above overtures imply the necessity of inventing and applying new methods adapted to the growing spiritual wants of mankind. Changed conditions of life imperatively demand new methods. A profound change is taking place in our western civilization; but the history of Christianity shows that it can adapt itself to all changes in the trend of life, if by a true method it may save men for the kingdom of God.

POLICY ADOPTED TOUCHING THE LOCATION OF MISSIONARIES.

Agreements made between any mission charge supported by this Board and any applicant for such appointment are null and void as to receiving support from this Board, unless made as hereinafter stated, to wit :

1. That the Board shall have the sole right of negotiating with, and appointing, the proper person to be pastor of any mission receiving support from the Board equal to one-half or more of the missionary's salary ; that the congregation or charge composing the mission shall have the right, by a majority vote, to express their preference to the Board touching any applicant for the appointment, subject, however, entirely to the discretion of the Board.

2. That any mission charge receiving the support of the Board to an amount less than one-half the salary paid to the missionary shall have the right to select, by majority vote, the candidate for the appointment and to recommend him to the Board ; the latter, however, shall have the sole right to make the appointment, and shall, of its own accord, make it, if the mission fails in proper time to make a selection and recommendation which the Board can approve.

CO-OPERATION IN HOME WORK WITH OTHER CHURCHES IN THE
WESTERN OR AMERICAN SECTION OF THE ALLIANCE OF
THE REFORMED CHURCHES.

The General Synod held at Lebanon, Pa., in 1890 (see page 211 of the minutes of said session), overtured "the General Council of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System" "to take into consideration the adjustment of the Home Missionary interests of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches of the

United States, so that some arrangement may be entered into by which there may be less interference, less expense and greater efficiency in the Master's work." The said General Council of the Reformed Churches at its meeting held at Toronto, Canada, in 1892 referred the subject to the Western or American section. During the past year, at the advice of the Western or American section, two conferences of representatives of the various Churches of the United States composing said Alliance were held, the first in Pittsburg, Pa., in October, 1895, the other in New York City, in January, 1896. The Reformed Church in the United States through your Board was represented on both of these occasions. The following plan of coöperation was agreed upon, which we herewith submit to your reverend body for consideration :

PLAN OF COÖOPERATION.

The Boards and Committees of Home Missions, Church Erection, Freedmen's Missions and Sabbath-school Work of the American Churches in "The Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System," both in the United States and Canada, recognizing with gratitude to God their substantial unity, both in faith and policy, do agree upon the following principles of action for their guidance in their work, viz :

1. That in the work of all these Boards as related to each other the authority of the Church Courts is to be recognized as final.
2. That there shall be no interference with churches, missions or Sabbath-schools at present existing, unless by voluntary agreement between the denominations directly concerned.
3. That ordinarily, no churches, missions or Sabbath-schools shall be established in small communities where the field is fully occupied by other Presbyterian or Reformed churches.
4. That the Supreme Judicatories of the several Churches recommend their church members when moving into new communities in which there is no congregation of their own Church, to unite, for the time being, with some other Presbyterian or Reformed church, if such there be.
5. That if cases of difference of opinion arise in connection with the work, they shall be referred for consideration and

amicable adjustment to the missionary authorities of the denominations directly concerned.

The following additional resolution was also unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we request the General Synods and General Assemblies of the American Churches represented in the Alliance to approve these principles and to recommend their Presbyteries, Classes and Missionary Agencies, in the organization of churches, missions and Sabbath-schools, to take always such action as will promote the harmony existing between these Churches.

LEGACIES AND MEMORIAL FUNDS.

During these three years the following legacies and memorial funds have become available : A legacy of \$950 by the will of Jesse Gery, of East Greenville, Montgomery County, Pa., has been paid into the treasury of the Bi-synodic Board. The said Board also reports having knowledge of three other legacies which are intended by the donors for this laudable work.

The Church Extension-fund Treasury of the General Board has also come into possession of the following legacies and memorial funds:

"The Maria Susan Scholl Church-bailding Fund," per Mrs. James M.	
Hood, of Frederick, Md.....	\$ 500
Legacy of Lewis Schriver, of Tiffin, Ohio.....	1,050
Legacy of Miss Sarah Hivling, of Xenia, O., per Rev. G. W. Williard,	
D. D.....	2,887.50
The legacy of John D. Hottell, Corydon, Ind	234.30
Per B. Wolff, Jr., Pittsburg, Pa., Church-bnilding Fund in memory of	
his son.....	500

SUMMARIES AND CONCLUSION.

During the triennial term the General Board issued 54 commissions; 17 missions of the same Board became self-sustaining, and 6 missions of the Boards of the German Synods, thus aggregating 23; 6 missions of the General Board, on account of being unpromising, were dropped from the roll, and 6 missions of the German Boards, for a like reason, aggregating 12; 31 new missions were enrolled by the General Board, and 10 missions by the German Boards, thus aggregating 41 new points taken up. The

latter were about equally distributed among the Synods, so that all parts of the Church received the fostering care of the several Boards. The whole number of missions at present sustained is as follows : by the General Board, 101 ; by the German Boards, 34 ; the total number is 135. The lots, mortgages and titles held by the General Board are valued at \$39,564; those of the Bi-synodic Board \$28,000. The indebtedness of the General Board for church extension is \$11,550, made up exclusively of loans for buying lots and building churches, on which the rate of interest paid is 5, $5\frac{1}{2}$ or 6 per cent. The assets of the Board are \$28,014.26. The amount of money received and disbursed for the general work of home missions during the three years is \$144,-058; for church extension, \$28,418; total \$172,476. The missionaries are paid to April 1, 1896, and a surplus of about \$1,000 remains. The statistical table appended will exhibit, both as to membership and pecuniary gifts, a more complete synopsis of the home missionary work of the entire Church for the triennial period just brought to a close.

The reports of the Treasurers of the Board, Elder James T. Reber, Treasurer of the funds for general support, and Elder Christian M. Boush, of the church-extension funds, have been duly audited, found to be true statements of the financial record of this date, and are herewith presented.

At the late annual meeting of the Board the following Superintendents were duly elected to serve, each for the term of three years, beginning with October 1, 1896, to wit:

Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D., General Superintendent of Home Missions; Rev. A. G. Whitmer, District Superintendent for the Eastern and Potomac Synods; and Rev. A. S. Dechant, District Superintendent for the Synod of the Interior.

The term of service of the following members of the Board expires with the present meeting of the Synod: Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D., E. R. Eschbach, D. D., C. F. Kriete and J. H. Sechler, D. D., and Elders C. M. Boush and H. C. Hoover.

And now, recognizing the gracious fact that in the past the Lord has helped us most abundantly, we would render unto Him alone all praise, honor and glory for what, as a Church of the Great Shepherd, we have been privileged to accomplish in His

name. But, "watchman, what of the night?" Shall we have part in helping to usher in the morning of that new day in the history of mankind when the Christ shall be all and in all, and His dominion from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth? The growth of the past three years is full of promise, and the outlook is very hopeful. In these closing words we would remind the Synod that no outlay of mission money promises better results than that expended in planting churches among the people of the Reformed stock in the rapidly growing West of our beloved land. A large element of the population is made up of children of our Church, and self-respect forbids that we should leave other people to provide for our spiritual offspring. But why should we as a Church confine our labors to those only who may show a Reformed pedigree? Is not the field the world? The West has large resources which in time will be developed and create large wealth. If this wealth be in the hands of Christian people, a portion of it will be available for the Lord's work. Present action will largely determine the future character of our country; and America Christianized means the world Christianized. May God by His gracious word and Spirit quicken the Church, the spiritual body of the Christ, to a keener sense of her great responsibility.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY, *Secretary.*

J. A. PETERS, *President.*

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Boards.	Number of Missions	Congregations in the Missions.	Communicant Members.	Sunday-Schools.	Scholars, Teachers and Officers in Sunday-schools.	Amount raised by the Missions for Benevolence.	Amount raised by the Missions for Congregational Use.	Amount received by the Board from the Church at large for Home Missions.	Amount received by the Board from the Church at large for Church Building.
Board of General Synod.....	101	153	10,144	.116	14,004	\$...8,059	\$73,052	\$116,330	..\$22,963
Board of Northwestern and Central Synods.....	24	36	2,187	.30	1,995	....4,529	....41,417	..19,501	....5,455
Board of the German Synod of the East.....	10	10	1,431	.10	1,890	....1,179	....29,854	....8,227	
Total.....	135	199	13,762	.156	17,889	\$13,767	\$144,323	\$144,058	\$28,418

The sums given in the last four columns are for the three years preceding May 1, 1893

ROLL OF THE MISSIONS

ROLL OF THE MISSIONS. (Concluded).

MISSION.	MISSIONARIES.	To what Synod.	Congregations.	Communicant Members.	Amount raised by Missions for Congregational Use.	Amount raised by the Missions for Benevolence.	Amount paid for Missionary expenses.	Whole Number in Sunday-school.	Number of Church Papers taken.
Wichita, Kans.	B. Griffith	Interior.	1 .99	.440	.193	.125	.165	50	
Wilton Junction, Ia.	J. C. Beade	Interior.	1 .52	.360	.60	.32	.57	15	
ions, Neb.	J. Wolbach	Interior.	1 .61	2,379	.61	.45	.89	15	
Emporia, Kans.	O. B. Shuey	Interior.	1 .23	.66	.26	.16	.35	10	
ttis and Ransom, Kans.		Interior.	2 .40	.50	.10	.5	.50	6	
Altoona, Pa.	Lewis Robb	Potomac.	1 .300	4,091	.325	.100	.336		
Baltimore, Md.	A. S. Weber	Potomac.	1 .162	1,064	.199	.35	.535	12	
Baltimore, Md.	W. I. Stewart	Potomac.	1 .151	1,337	.182	.96	.240	27	
Baltimore, Md.	C. W. Levan	Potomac.	1 .66	.400	.43		.81		
Baltimore, Md.	F. W. Bald	Potomac.	1 .33	.257	.29		.96		
Chambersburg, Pa.	J. B. Shoatz	Potomac.	1 .256	1,290	.248	.110	.313		
Duncannon, Pa.	J. D. Miller	Potomac.	3 .186	.703	.80	.50	.200	10	
Harrisonburg, Pr.	J. S. Garrison	Potomac.	1 .11	.120					
Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	Paul Barringer	Potomac.	1 .9	.995	.4	.1		3	
Roanoke, Va.	Lewis Reiter	Potomac.	1 .19	.420	.28	.15	.44	7	
Salisbury, N. C.									
Thomasville, N. C.	J. C. Leonard	Potomac.	1 .18	.500	.22	.8	.38	5	
Washington, D. C.	A. T. G. Apple	Potomac.	1 .147	.982	.153	.126	.112	25	
Vinchester, Va.	J. B. Stonesifer	Potomac.	2 .105	.436	.93	.32	.96	12	
Woodberry, Md.	E. R. Deatrich	Potomac.	1 .174	1,000	.219	.113	.183	37	
Allentown, Pa.	Vacant	Eastern.	1 .101	.840	.23		.273		
Harrisburg, Va.	M. H. Sangree	Eastern.	1 .72	1,400	.54	.25	.195	5	
Ancaster, Pa.	W. F. Lichliter	Eastern.	1 .232	1,111	.77	.36	.524	48	
Mt. Carmel, Pa., Hung.	Alex. Kalassay	Eastern.	2 .180	.66				3	
New York, N. Y., Hung.	B. Demeter	Eastern.	3 .200	.182					
Norristown, Pa.									
Philadelphia, Pa.	Wilson Delaney	Eastern.	1 .167	1,070	.50	.50	.239		
Philadelphia, Pa.	C. B. Alspach	Eastern.	1 .173	1,178	.68	.10	.372	30	
Philadelphia, Pa.	J. H. String	Eastern.	1 .65	.172	.17	.14	.226	10	
Philadelphia, Pa.	H. H. Apple	Eastern.	1 .172	1,405	.129	.110	.160	.80	
Philadelphia, Pa.	H. A. Bomberger	Eastern.	1 .95	1,000	.75	.65	.300		
Philadelphia, Pa.	E. W. Middleton	Eastern.	1 .38	.470	.27		.92		
Phoenixville, Pa.	S. H. Seem	Eastern.	1 .143	1,189	.81	.56	.180		
Reading, Pa.	J. P. Stein	Eastern.	1 .210	.893	.45	.25	.335	30	
Koyer's Ford, Pa.	O. H. E. Rauch	Eastern.	1 .110	.750	.68	.18	.204	18	
Cranton, Pa.	W. H. Stubblebine	Eastern.	1 .78	2,350	.2		.52		
South Norwalk, Conn.	Gabriel Dokus	Eastern.	2 .50	.380				3	
Teetlon, Pa.	H. H. Sangree	Eastern.	1 .132	.614	.182	.85	.220		
Power City, Pa.	L. D. Steckel	Eastern.	3 .124	1,032	.25	.10	.192	.30	
Trenton, N. J., Hung.	Gustav Jurany	Eastern.	2 .176	.510	.15		.24		
Harbor Mission, N. Y.	Paul Sommerlatte	Eastern.							
Total			149	10,381	75,062	8,059	4,167	13,994	1,591

*Enrolled April 10, 1896.

NOTE. Those in italic have become self-supporting.

Number of Missions, 101.

2. REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

2. REPORT OF JAMES T. REBER, TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS OF
THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

From May 23rd 1893 to May 22nd 1896.

Receipt.

Cash received from Chas. Santee, former Treasurer.....	\$ 3,608.81
Central Car Trust Bond as Shriver Legacy.....	500.00
Cash received for Home Missions.....	100,861.71
Cash received for Hungarian Missions.....	<u>7,119.69</u>
Cash received for Harbor Missions.....	2,771.80
Cash received as the Shriver Legacy.....	1,081.58
Cash received as the Hottell Legacy.. ..	<u>234.30</u>
	\$116,177.89

Disbursements.

Cash paid to C. M. Boush, Treasurer Church Extension Fund.....	
Bucher Legacy.. ..	\$ 500.00
Schriver Legacy.....	1,050 00
Cash paid to Missionaries .. .	<u>114,475.18</u>
	\$116,025.18
Balance in the Treasury May 22nd 1896... ..	152.71

JAMES I. REBER, Treas.

B. H. M. G. S.

The undersigned have audited the foregoing account and find it correct.

H. MOSSER,

Reading, May 23rd 1896.

A. C. WHITMER.

3. TRI-ANNUAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF C. M. BOUSH, TREAS. CHURCH EXTENSIVE FUND OF
THE BOARD OF HOME - MISSIONS OF THE REFORMED
CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Receipts.

1893. Balance in Treasury April 12th '93.. ..	\$1187.31
April 26. From St. Paul's Ch., Kausas City, per Rev. D. B. Shuey, intr.....	30.00
" 28. " East Ohio Classis, per Rev. E. R. Williard.....	23.00
" 28. " Miami Classis, per Rev. E. R. Williard.....	124.60
" 20. " Miami Classis, per Rev. E. R. Williard.....	39.59
" 29. " Mrs. Jas. M. Hood, per Chas. Santee, Maria Susan Scholl Building Fund	500.00
May 11. " East Susq. Classis, per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas..	50.16
" 13. " Miami Classis, per Rev. E. R. Williard.....	21.26

June	2.	From Faith Refd. Ch., Lincoln, per Rev. T. F. Stauffer, intr. on Sarah Brueker Fund.....	\$ 30.00
"	2.	" St. Paul's Ch., Kansas City, per Elder Kiefer....	35.00
"	12.	" Phila. Classis, per H. C. Hoover, Tr., from 1st Refd. Ch., Phila. \$13, Y. P. S. E Trinity, Norris- town \$8.50.....	21.50
July	12.	Lancaster Classis, O., per Rev. D. S Fouse.....	157.00
Aug.	26.	Lewis Schreiber, legacy, per J. T. Reber.....	450.00
Sept.	4.	Bucher legacy, per J. T. Reber.....	500.00
"	14.	Bolander bequest, per Jas. W. Hyde.....	400.00
		C. M. Boush, donation.....	25.00
"	14	" Pittsburgh Synod, per C. M. Boush, Tr.....	500.00
Oct.	4.	Supt. D. S. Fouse, collections.....	21.66
"	6.	St. Paul's Ch., Kansas City, per Jno. Hersh, Tr., intr. on bond and mortgage.....	32.00
"	6.	Bi-Syn. Bd., per J. J. Nissley, Tr., on appt.....	381.47
"	6.	W. M. Soc., Greenville, Pa., per N. Anthony, Tr.	10.00
"	20.	St. J sephs Classis, per B. Ashbaugh, Tr	25.00
"	25.	Lancaster Classis, per J. A. S itz, Tr.....	133.00
Nov.	11.	Refd. Congr. at St. Joseph to apply on property	100.00
"	17.	W. M. Soc., Chio Synod per Miss Heckerman....	109.20
"	22.	Miami Classis, per J. P. Van Horne, Tr	35 15
Dec.	4.	St. Paul's Ch., Kansas City, per Hersh, Tr., on intr.	45.00
"	4.	Refd. Church, St. Joseph, to apply on property	100.00
"	13.	E. Ohio Classis, per Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Tr..	16.00
1894.			
Jan.	5.	Faith Refd. Ch., Linco'n, Neb., per T. F. Stauffer	30.00
1893.			
July	24.	Supt. Rev. D. S. Fouse, loan made from Jacob D. Fouse, James Creek, Huntington Co., Pa.1000.00	
Feb.	3.	Lancaster Classis, O., per Rev. Seitz, Tr.....	57.69
"	13.	Miami Classis, per J. P. Van Horne, Tr.....	16.95
"	21.	St. Paul's Ch., Kansas City, per Jno. Hersh, Tr.	75.00
"	23.	E. O. Classis, per Rev. Bomberger, Tr.....	2.00
March	19.	St. Stephen's Miss. Soc., New Holland, Pa., per Burkholder, Treas. for Hung. Miss.....	10.00
		For Chicago Miss	5.00
"	24.	W. M. Soc., Ohio Synod.....	32.35
Apr.	4.	Rev. Dr. Williard, Sarah Hireling Fd.....	1637.50
"	11.	Rev. S. S. Miller, Tr. of Min. Relief Ass., Loan..	1500.00
"	11.	Supt. Rev. D. S. Fouse, Church Ext. Funds of B. Wolff, jr	500.00
		Of Union Church.....	500.00
		Of Lancaster Classis.....	240.00
		Of smaller collections.....	66.63

Apr.	12.	From Allegheny Classis, per J. M. Conroy, Tr.....	\$ 28.00
"	12.	" Miami Classis, per V. P. Van Horne, Tr.....	6.40
"	19.	" Miami Classis, per V. P. Van Horne, Tr.....	29.41
"	20.	" Refd. Congr. at St. Joseph on debt.....	200.00
"	23.	" St. Joseph's Classis, per B. Ashbaucher, Tr., Ne-	
		riah Church Building Fund.....	600 00
"	28.	" E. Ohio Classis, Rev. Bomberger, Tr.....	20.08
May	1.	" Tiffin Classis, per Dr. Leberman.....	50.00
"	7.	" Miami Classis, per V. P. Van Horne, Tr.....	11.70
"	17.	" Phila. Classis, per H. C. Hoover, Tr.....	51.03
"	23.	" E. Ohio Classis, per Rev. Bomberger, Tr.....	35.16
"	29.	" Dr. Williard, Sarah Hireling Fd	1250.00
"	29.	" C. M. Boush, Tr. St. Paul's Classis.....	15.64
"	31.	" Tuscarawas Classis, per E. R. Kremer, Tr.....	100.00
June	6.	" Miami Classis, per V. P. Van Horne, Tr.....	78.35
"	6.	" St. Paul's Church, Kansas, per Rev. Love.....	32.00
"	20.	" W. M. Soc., Allegheny Classis, per Mrs. Barn-	
		hart.....	13.75
July	10.	" W. M. Soc. Ohio S., per Mrs. Anthony	129.82
"	14.	" Allegheny Classis, per J. M. Conroy, Tr.....	2.05
Aug.	3.	" Supt. D. S. Fouse, loan from Stuckslager and	
		Auracher.....	1000.00
		Supt. D. S. Fouse, Iowa Classis Church Ext. Fd..	273.73
"	10.	" D. A. Winter, on Sale of postage stamps.....	25.00
"	18.	" St. Paul's Ch., Kansas City, intr.....	58.00
Sept.	20.	" J. J. Nissley Tr. Bi-Syn. Bd. approp. from East.	
		and Potomac Synods.....	693.28
"	24.	" Tiffin Classis, per Rev. Shumaker, Tr.....	10.00
Oct.	5.	" Miami Classis, per C. P. Van Horne, Tr.....	2.62
"	10.	" Pittsburgh Synod, per C. M. Boush, former Tr.,	
		bal. of appt. of 1892—'93.....	250.00
"	10.	" Pittsburgh Synod, per Jamison, Tr.....	500.00
"	17.	" W. M. Soc., Ohio S. \$66.51, Grace Ch., Pittsbrg.	
		\$10, St. Marks \$10.....	86 51
1895.			
Jan.	9.	" W. M. Soc., Ohio Syn.....	41.47
1894.			
Dec.	15.	" St. Paul's Church, Kansas, per Hirsh, Tr.....	48.00
"	21.	" Tiffin Classis, per Rev. Shumaker, Tr.....	25.00
1895.			
Jan.	18.	" Miami Classis, per V. P. Van Horne, Tr.....	1.80
"	18.	" W. M. Soc., Ohio Syn., Miss J. A. Hekerman,Tr.	19.36
Feb.	18.	" Pittsburgh Synod, per Dr. Heller, Tr.....	275.00
Mar.	6.	" E. Ohio Classis, per Rev. Bomberger, Tr.....	8.31
"	8.	" St. Paul's Ch., Kansas City, per Dr. J. W. Love.	50.00
"	16.	" Mrs. D. B. Lady, loan for Grove City.....	500.00

Jan.	16.	From Hungarian Ch., Pittsburgh, per Horngak, Tr.....	\$150.00
Mar.	26.	" W. M. Soc., Ohio Syn., per Miss Heckerman, Tr.	32.14
"	26.	" W. M. Soc., St. Paul's Church, Butler, Pa.....	5.00
April	1.	" Refd Ch., Denver, to apply on debt and intr.....	200.00
"	16.	" Hung. Refd. Ch., Pittsburgh, per Horngack, Tr.	150.00
"	16.	" W. M. Soc., Ohio, per Miss Heckerman, Tr.....	19.27
"	22.	" W. M. Soc. Ohio Syn., per Miss Heckerman, Tr.	33.73
"	27.	" Tuscarawas Classis, per E. R. Kremer, Tr	50.00
May	1.	Lancaster Classis, per Rev. J. A. Seitz, Tr.....	104.76
"	2.	E. Ohio Classis, per Rev. Bomberger, Tr.....	12.25
"	2.	Pittsburgh Syn., per Dr. Heller, Tr.....	170.65
"	10.	W. M. Soc., Ohio Syn., per Miss Heckerman, Tr	16.05
"	10.	Phil. Classis, per Hoover, Tr.....	38.56
"	10.	E. Ohio Classis, per Rev. Bomberger, Tr.....	9.39
"	11.	Kansas Classis, per Rev. D. H. Fouse, Tr.....	1.85
"	21.	Denver Refd. Miss., per D. A. Winter, part on intr	50.00
"	28.	W. M. Soc., St. Jos. Classis, per Ashbaugh, Tr.	100.00
"	31.	Kansas Classis, per Rev. D. H. Fouse, Tr.....	8.10
June	7.	St. Paul's Classis, intr. due to Mrs. Lady.....	13.75
"	15.	Pittsburgh Synod, per Dr. Heller, Tr.....	284.00
"	20.	Synod of Interior, per Rev. D. H. Fouse, Tr.....	8.25
"	20.	W. M. Soc., Wilkinsburg, Pa., per Mrs. N. Anthony	5.00
"	20.	W. M. Soc., Butler, Pa., per Mrs. N. Anthony...	5.00
"	26.	Jas. T. Reber, Treas. Bd. of Publ. loan.....	1000.00
July	8.	Phila. Classis, per Rev. Henry, Tr.....	10.00
"	8.	Hung. Refd. Church, per Horngack, Tr., on debt	150.00
"	13.	R fd. Ch. at St. Joseph, per Rev. Gekeler on debt	100.00
"	22.	Tiffin Classis, Church Ext. Fd., per Supt. Fouse..	500.00
"	22.	W. M. Soc., Allegheny Classis, per Supt. Fouse..	50.00
"	22.	Synod of Interior, per Supt. Fouse.....	68.44
"	22.	Jas. T. Reber, Treas., Publ. Bd. loan.....	1000.00
Aug.	3.	Pittsburgh Synod, per Dr. Heller, Tr.....	115.00
"	22.	Bi-Syn. Bd., per J. J. Nissley, Tr. of Eastern and Potomac Syn.....	600.00
Sept.	6.	St. Paul's, Kansas, per Dr. Love, pastor.....	70.00
"	12.	Jas. T. Reber, Tr., on Schreiber legacy.....	600.00
"	12.	Bi-Sya. Bd., per J. J. Nissley, Tr. for Eastern and Potomac Syn.....	436.57
"	18.	Pittsburgh Synod, per Dr. Heller, Tr.....	132.35
Oct.	7.	Hung. Refd. Ch., Pittsburgh, per Horngack, Tr.	150.00
"	24.	W. M. Soc., 2nd Ch., Greensburg, Chicago Bd. Fd	32.00
Dec.	6.	St. Paul's Classis to pay intr. on loan for Mrs. Lady.....	13.75
1896.			
Jan.	2.	Hung. Refd. Church, per Horngack, Tr., on debt	150.00
"	9.	Tuscarawas Classis, per E. R. Kremer, Tr.....	35.00

Jan.	24.	From Pittsburgh Synod, per Dr. Heller, Tr.....	\$183.00
Febr.	7.	" St. Paul's Church, per Dr. Love.....	80.00
	12.	" Phila. Classis, per Rev. Henry Tr.....	13.25
Mar.	6.	E. Ohio Classis, per Rev. Bomberger, Tr.....	14.10
	31.	" Hung. Refd. Ch., Pittsburgh, per Horngack, Tr.	150 00

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\$24,420.70

Disbursements.

1893.

Apr.	26.	Paid to J. J. Nissley, Tr., Bi-Syn. Board to apply on intr. on Kansas City loan.....	\$ 30.00
		" Discount on check from Dayton, O.....	.25
June	2.	" Chas. Santee, Tr., intr. on Sarah Brinker, Fd..	30.00
		" Sent to Rev. H. S. Gekeler, first payment on Church property bought at St. Joseph.....	1000.00
	5.	" J. J. Nissley, Tr. Bi-Syn. Bd. to apply on Kans. City loan.....	35.00
Sept.	1.	" S. S. Rickley to apply on mortgage against Ch. prop. at Columbus, O.....	2000.00
	4.	" Rev. C. L. Alspach as a loan on Church p.op. at Ada, O.....	500.00
	14.	" S. S. Rickley, balance on mortgage against Ch. prop. at Columbus, O.....	386.15
Oct.	6.	" J. J. Nissley, Tr. Bi-Syn. Bd. intr. on Kansas loan	32.00
	20.	" Rev. H. S. Gekeler, to pay on prop. at St. Jos..	625.00
	23.	" Rev. H. S. Gekeler, to pay on prop. at St. Jos..	133.00
	25.	" Rev. H. S. Gekeler, to pay on prop. at St. Jos..	100.00
Nov.	17.	" Rev. H. S. Gekeler, to pay on prop. at St. Jos..	109.21
	29.	" Rev. H. S. Gekeler, to pay on prop. at St. Jos..	200.00
Dec.	4.	" Rev. H. S. Gekeler, to pay on prop. at St. Jos..	100.00
Nov.	22.	" J. J. Nissley, Tr. Bi-Syn. Bd. intr. on Kansas loan.....	45.00

1894.

Jan.	5.	" Jas. T. Reber Tr., intr. on Lincoln, Nebr., loan.	30.00
Mar.	24.	" B. Wolff, jr., interest.....	105.00
April	11.	" Dr. J. M. Kendig, per Rev. Shuey on purchase of lot in Chicago.....	2781.63
	14.	" Dr. J. M. Kendig, per Rev. Shuey on purchase of lot in Chicago	134.37
	14.	" Rev. H. S. Gekeler, on mortgage against Ch. prop. at St. Joseph.....	1500.00
	22.	" Rev. H. S. Gekeler, on mortgage against Ch. prop. at St. Joseph.....	200.00
	23.	" Rev. H. S. Gekeler, on mortgage against, Ch. prop. at St. Joseph.	620.08

May	17.	Paid to Rev. D. A. Winter, to pay interest on mortgage against Denver property	\$ 87.50
"	17.	" Rev. Dr. Kendig, to pay Attorney fee.....	25.00
"	17.	" Rev. Dr. Kendig, bal. due on first payment on purchase.....	9.00
June	2.	" Rev. H. S. Gekeler, to pay off bal. on last note on church prop. at St. Joseph.....	181.67
"	6.	" J. J. Nissley, Tr. Bi-Syn. Bd. intr. on Kansas bond.....	32.00
"	6.	" Dr. Kendig, his expenses in purchase of Chi- cago prop.....	3.35
"	20.	" Rev.Wm.H.Shultz, loan to Massillon, O., Miss..1000.00	
"	18.	" Jac. G. Fouse, interest on loan.....	50.00
Aug.	10.	" A. S. Creps, purchase money for lot at Lima....1655.00	
"	18.	" J. J. Nissley, Tr. Bi-Syn. Bd , intr. on Kansas loan	58.00
Oct.	6.	" Rev. D. A. Winter, intr. on Denver mortgage...	87.50
"	6.	" Geo. Humbert, Esq., for recording deed and and charter.....	5.00
"	9.	" Dr. Kendig, interest on mortgage notes.....	175.50
"	9.	" For copying charter for Denver.....	.75
"	24.	" Dr. Kendig, to lift one of the mortgage notes...1462.50	
Nov.	9.	" Secr. State for certificate to copy of charter.....	2.50
"	19.	" Rev. S. S. Miller, Tr., intr. on hand.....	41.25
1895.			
Febr.	26	" G. J. Humbert, to pay intr. on Denver mortg....	87.50
"	26.	" B. Wolff, jr., to pay intr. on loan.....	105.00
"	26.	" Pay for recording deed for New Kensington lot	2.00
Mar.	8.	" J. J. Nissley, Tr. Bi-Syn. Bd., intr. on Kansas City loan	50.50
"	27.	" Rev. S. S. Miller, intr. on bond to M. Rel. Ass.	41.25
"	27.	Paid to Building Com. of Grove City Miss.....	500.00
April	18.	Sent to Dr. Kendig, intr. on Chicago mortgage.....	131.63
May	7.	Paid to Jac. S. Fouse to apply on bond.....	500.00
June	7.	" Mrs. D. B. Lady, intr. on loan.....	13.75
"	26.	" Rev W. H. Shultz, loan to Massillon, O , Miss...1000.00	
July	22.	" Stucks Lager and Auracher, loan and interest....1068.44	
Aug.	12.	" Jac. Fouse, intr.....	45.14
"	29.	" G. J. Humbert, to pay intr. on Denver mortgage	87.50
Sept.	30.	" Dr. Kendig, to pay intr. on Chicago mortgage..	131.62
"	30.	" Rev. S. S. Miller, Tr. Min. Rel. Ass., intr. on loan	41.25
Oct.	14.	" Mrs. Ad. Evans, her share of purchase money on Youngstown property.....	2240.35
"	14.	" Mrs. Sophia Decker, hand money on her share..	350.00
"	14.	" Expense in purchase of said property.	27.56

Oct.	21.	Sent to Dr. Kendig, Chicago, gift of W. Miss. Soc. of Greensburg for Chicago Bldg. Fd.	\$ 32.00
Nov.	18.	" Rev. A. C. Whitmer, loan and don. for purchase of real estate for Hung. Ch., Norwalk.	500.00
Dec.	6.	" Mrs. D. B. Lady, intr. on loan.....	13.75
Jan.	29.	" J. T. Reber, Tr., Bd. of Publ. intr.....	50.00
"	29.	" B. Wolff, jr., intr. on loan.....	105.00
Febr.	7.	" J. J. Nissley, Tr. By-Syn. Bd., intr. on Kansas loan	80.00
"	14.	" Ohio Nat. Bank Lima, bal. due on mortgage held by Thompson Prest on Church prop...	503.26
Mar.	2.	" G. J. Humbert, Esq., intr. on Denver mortgage.	87.50
April	7.	" Rev. S. S. Miller, Tr. Min. Rel. Ass., intr.....	41.25
		Balance.....	1011.25
			\$24,420.70

Respectfully submitted

C. M. BOUSH, *Treasurer,*

Church Ext. Fund Board of Home Miss., Refd. Church U. S.

The Committee appointed to audit the account of C. M. Boush, Esq., Tr. of the Church Erection Fund of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the U. S. hereby report:—

The duty was attended to at the office of Tr. Boush in Meadville, Pa., May 12th 1896.

The books have been kept in a neat and satisfactory manner. The committee compared the receipts with the expenditures and found a balance of \$1011.25 in the Treasury, most of which is for the present tied up in the J. R. Dick & Co., Bank, Meadville, Pa.

The triennial report of the Tr. is correct presenting vouchers for all expenditures.

J. J. LEBERMAN,
D. B. LADY.

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Home Missions, during the afternoon on the eighth day of the sessions, submitted its report, which was received, amended and adopted. The report is as follows :

Your Committee on Home Missions would respectfully offer the following report :

The documents referred to the committee are, the report of the Board of Home Missions, the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions, the report of the Treasurer of the Church Building Fund, and a number of items and papers relating to missions on the Pacific coast : (to wit, an overture of the Portland-Oregon Classis ; a resolution of Eastern Ohio Classis and a letter from pastor J. Muellhaupt.) The committee had a personal interview with Rev. Paul Sommerlatte, the Harbor Missionary at New York.

The report of the Board indicates that the Home missionary work of the Reformed Church is in a healthy and hopeful condition. The Board and its officers have been faithful and efficient in their work. There has been progress made in every department of the Board's operations, and as expressive of the sense of the Synod with reference to the work your committee recommends :

1. Resolved, that General Synod gratefully recognizes the efficiency of its Board of Home Missions and the self-sacrificing labors of the men in the Home Mission field ; and hereby records its devout gratitude to the great Head of the church, for the measure of prosperity which has attended this branch of its work.

Missions in the West and South.

The mission work of the Reformed Church in the West has made substantial progress. The work in the South has also made advances. In view of the results already attained and the promise of the future in these growing sections of the country :

2. *Resolved*, That the General Board of Home Missions be and hereby is authorized to do all in its power towards establishing and maintaining churches in the centers of population of the great West and of the South.

3. *Resolved*, That promising young men graduating from our institutions be urged by this General Synod, and by the Classes under whose care they are, to consider prayerfully the claims of the South and West as fields of usefulness for the exercise of their talents.

4. *Resolved*, That the Classes be instructed to direct pastors and consistories to forward to the missionaries the names and addresses of members and of persons friendly to the Reformed Church, moving into our mission fields.

Missions on the Pacific Coast.

The action of the Board, in discontinuing the work on the Pacific Coast, seems to have been justified in the light of the information in possession of the Board. In view of the steadfastness and earnest pleading of some of the Reformed people on the Pacific Coast :

5. *Resolved*, That the Board be directed to inquire into the feasibility of undertaking missionary work anew among the faithful Reformed people of the Pacific Coast.

The work of the German District Synods

continues in a flourishing condition. While these Synods have not taken any action, looking toward the unification of their work with that of the General Board, it is believed, that in many cases the German and the English Boards could co-operate with advantage in establishing the church of their common faith, therefore,

6. *Resolved*, That the Mission Boards of the German Synods be invited through their Synods to join the General Board in supporting German missions in the West.

The Harbor Mission.

The Board reports that the work of the Harbor Mission is in a very satisfactory condition. The Rev. Paul Sommerlatte is doing most efficient service at very limited expense. He informs the Board, that he is frequently called upon to look after the wants of immigrants, who adhere to the Reformed Church in America and to the Presbyterian Church.

These churches have no missionaries at the harbor of New York. As the work of our missionary would be greatly facilitated by the employment of a clerk, and as the appropriation for his support is not sufficient to enable him to secure such assistance, therefore,

7. *Resolved*, That the Board be instructed to invite the co-operation of the Reformed Church in America and of the Presbyterian Church in supporting our Harbor Mission, now under the efficient management of Rev. Paul Sommerlatte.

8. *Resolved*, That the sum of three thousand dollars be apportioned among the synods and classes of the Church, for the support of the missionary during the next three years.

The Work among the Hungarians.

During the past three years the number of missions among these people has increased from two to six, all of which are now supplied with pastors who preach in the language of the people. Thirty-six hundred dollars is required for the support of the six missions, and in view of the great promise of the work, the Board asks for means to enlarge it. Therefore,

9. *Resolved*, That six thousand dollars be apportioned annually among all the Synods of the Church, for the development of the mission work among the Hungarians, Bohemians and Poles.

Co-operation with the Sunday-school Board.

10. *Resolved*, That the plan of co-operation with the Sunday-school Board, into which the Home Mission Board has entered, be approved and that the Board be instructed to make use of Sunday-school missionaries in the extension of its work, whenever such pioneer work can be done at less expense by the Sunday-school Board than by the Mission Board. The zeal of the Board to promote the success of its operations by exercising great care in locating missions and missionaries is heartily commended.

Plan of co-operation with other Churches of the Pan-Alliance.

The Board submits for the consideration of General Synod, a plan of co-operation among the Boards and Committees of Home Missions, Church Erection, Freedmen's Missions and Sabbath-school work of the American churches in "the Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system."

11. *Resolved*, That the plan of co-operation submitted be approved, and that the Synods, Classes and Boards of the Church be directed to carry forward their work, according to the prin-

ples underlying this plan in the organization of churches, missions and Sunday-schools.

Woman's Missionary Societies.

12. *Resolved*, That General Synod heartily commends the synodical, classical and congregational Woman's Missionary Societies and other Missionary societies now in existence, as proper and efficient auxiliaries in the missionary work of the church; and that the attention of District Synods and Classes be called to the importance of organizing such societies in all the synods, classes and congregations of the Church.

One-Hundred Thousand Dollars for Church Extension.

To enable the Board to do its work efficiently in the larger cities, which demand the chief attention of the Reformed Church, as well as of all other denominations, a permanent fund of one hundred thousand (100,000) dollars for this purpose has been proposed. Your Committee believes that the Board is correct in stating, that such a fund is an *imperative necessity*, and therefore recommends the following for adoption :

13. *Resolved*, That the Board of Home Missions of General Synod be authorized to raise a permanent fund of \$100,000.00 for church extension, apart from, and in addition to the regular apportionment for church building, the same to be used as Church-building Funds are now used by the Board.

14. *Resolved*, That all Church Building Funds hereafter secured by any of the officers of the Board be a part of this General Synod's fund, until the full amount shall have been secured.

15. *Resolved*, That the Board be authorized to adopt such measures as may be necessary to secure this fund.

Missionary Periodical.

16. *Resolved*, That the Boards of Home and of Foreign Missions, together with the Sunday-school Board, be authorized to issue jointly a new missionary periodical for the promotion of the several interests committed to their care and the development of aggressive activity along all lines of church work, the subscription price not to exceed twenty-five cents per year for single

copies and ten cents a year per copy in clubs, the General Synod however bearing no financial responsibility.

Amount needed for the work of the Board.

17. *Resolved*, That for the next three years forty-five thousand dollars be apportioned annually among the District Synods co-operating with the General Board, to carry forward the work of Home Missions.

18. *Resolved*, That the synods and classes of the church be urged to make earnest effort to secure a yearly average of fifty cents a member for Home Missions.

19. *Resolved*, That the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod be instructed to co-operate with the Board of Missions of the German District Synods, in the establishment and maintenance of German Missions in our larger cities.

Resolved, That \$6000 be annually apportioned among the District Synods for mission work among the Germans in our larger cities ; and that the money raised for this special object be paid to the Treasurer of General Synod's Home Mission Board, and that this item be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY T. SPANGLER, *Chairman.*

III. FOREIGN MISSIONS—TRIENNIAL REPORTS.

1. *Sixth Triennial Report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.*

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES.

Fathers and Brethren :—

Agreeably to the requirement of the Constitution of the Board, which calls for a meeting for reorganization in June following each meeting of the General Synod, it convened in the Lecture Room of Salem Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Pa., June 27, 1893. The names of the persons selected by General Synod to take the places of the retiring members, were enrolled as members of the Board for the term of six years, to wit: Rev. Jas. I. Good, D. D., Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., Rev. C.

R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., Rev. J. Dahlmann, D. D., Elders J. Z. Gerhard, M. D., and J. Y. Dietz.

The Board was reorganized by the election of the following officers for the term of three years : President, Rev. Jas. I. Good, D. D.; Vice-President, Rev. John H. Prugh, D. D.; Secretary, Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D.; Treasurer, Elder Jos. L. Lemberger.

The Executive Committee, which by the terms of the Constitution, is to consist of the officers with two additional members of the Board, was constituted by adding the names of Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, and Elder J. Z. Gerhard, M. D., to the Board of officers.

The Board as a whole, and the Executive Committee, convened in their regular, and such special meetings as were called by the proper authority; and impressed with a deep sense of the solemnity of the trust committed to their administration, sought, by the aid and guidance of God's Holy Spirit, earnestly invoked, to do the things and enact the order assigned to their charge, with the wisdom and fidelity given them from on high.

THE GENERAL WORK.

In its last Triennial Report to your Reverend Body, the Board took occasion to refer to the existence of the anti-foreign feeling which had arisen in Japan a few years previously, and which had militated against the larger success of missionary work. The hope was expressed that that hinderance had reached and passed its acutest stage, and that the outlook was that it was abating in its intensity. Subsequent experience, however, proved this hope to be illusive, and that instead of abating, it became an element in partisan polities and grew more aggressive. The extremists, embittered by the delay in the revision of the treaties, insisted upon a literal and rigid construction and enforcement of the existing treaties, in the features which imposed restraints upon foreigners, in marked contrast with the liberal construction of the government. Two or three times did the Emperor dissolve the Imperial Diet in consequence of its hostile attitude in this regard. The contention grew in bitterness and fears were apprehended of a conflict between the populace and the government.

Fortunately this cause of internal strife was brought to an end by the occurrence of the war with China. About the same time the treaties with England and the United States were revised to the satisfaction of the Japanese and greatly to the advantage of the foreigner. So that with the war with China and the revision of the treaties, the old anti-foreign feeling has in large part passed away.

It was feared at first that the war with China would work great damage to the cause of Christian missions. But by the orderings of a gracious Providence, directly the opposite effect was realized. During the struggle, the spirit and practical work of Christianity found opportunity for such an illustration as served to fill the Japanese with surprise and admiration, and has won for it a toleration and favor both from the government and the people, which it did not enjoy before. Together with this, the government, in the matter of freedom to the foreigner to travel and dwell in the interior of the country, is largely anticipating the liberal provisions of the revised treaties, which do not go into full effect until 1900. Besides this, many restrictions upon the work of Missions, heretofore existing, are removed, so that practically the whole Empire is now accessible to the missionaries of the cross.

The effect of all these changes is, that a wider door is thrown open than existed three years ago. The charitable offices and helpful ministry of the Christians during the war had made a profound impression upon the government and the people. They are an argument addressed rather to the heart than to the head, and there seems to be an undercurrent towards Christianity in advance of the intellectual apprehension of its claims. The effect upon the native Christians is that they are standing more firmly, while a large increase of attendance upon the preached gospel on the part of non-Christians is noticeable. Upon the whole the outlook for a steady, solid and aggressive Christian work is more promising than at any previous time, and our missionaries are encouraged to press forward in their work, with renewed confidence and zeal.

PERSONNEL OF THE MISSIONS.

At the time of the presentation of the last Triennial Report to this Body, after the retirement of the Misses Poorbaugh *our Mission consisted of five persons*, viz : Rev. J. P. Moore, D. D., Rev. W. E. Hoy, Rev. D. B. Schneder, Rev. Henry K. Miller and Miss Mary C. Hollowell. It was not until the fall of 1894 that the Board succeeded in filling the vacancy in the Girls' School, which occurred in the fall of the year preceding, for which temporary provision had been made by the assignment of Rev. J. P. Moore, D. D., and Mrs. Moore, of which arrangement General Synod was apprised in our last Triennial Report. On March 14, 1894, Miss Lena Zurfluh, of Toledo, Ohio, was appointed to this position. She is a graduate of Heidelberg University, Tiffin, Ohio. She reached Sendai early in the following September, and released Rev. Dr. Moore to resume his regular work. She at once entered upon the duties of her place, which with absorbing zeal and most satisfactory efficiency she has continued to discharge to the present time.

Rev. Dr. Moore's connection with the Girls' School, not only injuriously affected the general evangelistic work, but also deprived the Tohoku Gakuin of his service in the teaching force, which he had previously rendered. This increased the labors, already sufficiently onerous, of the three remaining American teachers; the more so as Rev. Mr. Miller had but recently entered the field, and had not yet acquired a command of the language. The urgency for a further reinforcement of the Mission became at once apparent to the Board. But the want of the means of support restrained action.

At this juncture of affairs, the hand of a gracious Providence was again stretched forth for our help. The Christian Endeavor Societies of our Church, numbering several hundred organizations, *true to their avowed purpose*, felt constrained to ask for a share in our foreign service. Accordingly a formal proposition was made to our Board, that they would assume the full support of an additional missionary to Japan under our Board, on condition that he be called the *Christian Endeavor Missionary*. The proposition was gladly accepted, as the Master's answer to prayer.

No time was lost in inviting applications for the appointment. In response sixteen young men made answer.

When the Board met to make the appointment, it discovered that the answer to its prayer was larger than it had even hoped. Here was provision for the support of one additional missionary without a drain upon the usual receipts, and with the near approach of the time when our evangelistic work would imperatively demand reinforcement to overlook the widely growing field; the necessity for time in advance to acquire the language; the number of earnest souls, each one saying, "Here am I, send me," and the then hopeful outlook in our finances, the Board in faith and in the fear of God, resolved to appoint two, instead of one, as contemplated. The result was that Sylvanus S. Snyder, a graduate of Wooster University, and the Theological Department of Heidelberg University of Tiffin, Ohio, and Christopher Noss, a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, and the Theological Seminary of Lancaster, Pa., were appointed. Mr. Sylvanus S. Snyder was designated the *Christian Endeavor Missionary*. He was ordained and married before leaving this country, and reached Japan Oct. 2, 1894. Mr. Christopher Noss spent one year after his appointment pursuing post-graduate studies in the University at Berlin, Germany, and after ordination and marriage in this country, proceeded to Japan, where he arrived Dec. 27, 1895. Rev. Mr. Snyder on his arrival in Sendai, took charge of several classes in the Tohoku Gakuin, made vacant by the absence of Rev. W. E. Hoy, on furlough in this country, and Rev. Mr. Noss is also engaged in teaching in the Tohoku Gakuin. Meanwhile both are giving diligent attention to the acquisition of the Japanese language.

As already intimated, on the arrival of Miss Lena Zurfluh to take her place in the Girls' School, Rev. J. P. Moore, D. D., was released from his charge in that school, and resumed his work as Principal of the Evangelistic Department. In this service he is still engaged. He has in addition rendered very material aid in the Tohoku Gakuin, by taking charge, as teacher, of several classes. In this double service he continues to be engaged.

Rev. W. E. Hoy is at the present time in this country on furlough. He arrived late in December, 1894, and after a most

laborious and successful service under the direction of the Board, in visiting our churches in the interest of our foreign work, will return to Japan next June. On his return he will resume his place in the faculty of the Tohoku Gakuin.

Rev. D. B. Schneder reached Sendai, Japan, Dec 21, 1887. The usual term of service being about expired, he has been granted a furlough, and will return to this country after the arrival of Rev. Mr. Hoy, in Sendai. Within the past three years, the good brother was prostrated with a violent attack of typhoid fever, followed by a terrible relapse, so that his recovery was well nigh despaired of. But it pleased a gracious Providence to raise him up again, and he is engaged in full and most efficient service.

Rev. H. K. Miller has continued his work as one of the professors in our institutions; meanwhile devoting his studies to the mastery of the language. More recently he entered upon evangelistic work, in connection with his other labors, and has established a Sunday School and preaching point at Miyamachi, a suburb of Sendai. Provision has been made for the building of a chapel at that point, and its erection will engage his attention in the near future.

Miss Mary C. Hollowell continues faithfully and laboriously at her post. She has made such admirable progress in the acquisition of that difficult language, that she is able to address an audience in Japanese. She is engaged, besides her regular school duties, in Sunday School work, the instruction of classes of Japanese girls and women in the arts of domestic life, and the kindly and charitable work of ministering to the poor, the sick, the suffering and the friendless.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

The absorbing interest awakened in the minds of the people throughout the Empire by the war, and the emphasis accorded to political interests, have militated more or less, against the productiveness of our evangelistic work. This has been the experience of all the Missions laboring in Japan. And yet, as already intimated, the results have not been as unfavorable as was feared. During the year 1893-94, the ingathering by our Mission exceed-

ed that of preceding years. For the year following, the statistics of which have not yet reached us, we apprehend a falling off in numbers, as this was the year of greatest political confusion.

During the year succeeding Rev. Dr. Moore's return to Japan, after his furlough, when he was temporarily assigned to the Girls' School, the evangelistic work was found to suffer from the want of his active labors. But upon the arrival of Miss Zurfluh, he resumed his activity as Principal of that department, and with the aid of the other missionaries, he has given his department such personal labor and general superintendence as time and strength enabled him. In a recent letter he speaks of this branch of our work as presenting a more promising outlook than for the later preceding years.

Within the last three years this department has been reinforced by some ten or twelve graduates from the Tohoku Gakuin, and as a consequence our field of labor is growing in extent. The character and efficiency of the young men who have thus gone forth are very assuring, and give promise of blessed results. Our field in the northern island Vezo is widening. Besides a flourishing congregation in the city of Hakodate, on that island, we have points and laborers in Sapporo and vicinity.

The very material extension of our field for evangelistic work has served to suggest as well to the Board as to the members of the Mission, the question whether we should continue to keep our missionaries massed in the city of Sendai? The remoteness of some of the out-stations, together with the exceedingly indifferent facilities for travel, prevent the Principal of the Evangelistic Department, even with such aid as the other missionaries can afford him, from bestowing such care and oversight as the work in the hands of inexperienced native young men, most urgently requires. Some of these points are several hundred miles remote from Sendai, and the infrequency of the visits of our missionaries is felt to be an evil calling urgently for a change.

The Mission by formal action has commended this subject to the grave consideration of the Board, suggesting that four Americans be retained in Sendai, as teachers in the Tohoku Gakuin, aided by an additional unordained, single man as teacher of English, which with the help of the native teachers, they consider

would be a sufficient teaching force. It further suggested that two of the missionaries now in the field be assigned to out-stations; and that the Board should send out another missionary for a third out-station and also the unmarried layman as the teacher of English in the school. With such a force in the field, judiciously distributed, the Mission thought the work assigned by Providence to our Reformed Church in the Empire of Japan, would, at least for the present, be fairly provided for.

At the last annual meeting of the Board, held in Altoona, Pa., March 10-11. 1896, this subject commanded its serious and prayerful attention. The suggestion of the Mission to locate some of our missionaries at out-stations, instead of retaining the whole body at Sendai, commended itself to the judgment of the Board. But the sending out of an additional missionary, besides the lay teacher asked for, did not receive equal favor. The Board was impressed with the conviction that we had already a sufficient number of ordained missionaries to meet the demands of our present work, while the want of means for such an addition to our force, admonished against the wisdom of such a step. After earnest consideration, aided by the opinion of Rev. W. E. Hoy, who happily was present, the conclusion was reached that the needs of the Tohoku Gakuin could be supplied by including the lay teacher asked for, as one of the four Americans, and thus release a third ordained missionary, now in the field, to occupy a third out-station. The Board accordingly ordered that Rev. J. P. Moore, D. D., should take up his residence in Tokyo, and resume the charge of our work in that city and vicinity; that Rev. H. K. Miller, after the erection of the chapel at Miyamachi, a suburb of Sendai, in which he is now engaged, should locate in Yamagata, and that Rev. S. S. Snyder, after the return of Rev. D. B. Schneder from his furlough to this country, should remove to some point in the Hokkaido. It was also ordered that the Secretary should issue a call for a teacher of English, said teacher to be engaged for a term of not less than five years, to be an unmarried and an unordained Christian man, to whom will be paid a single man's salary. This distribution would give us four mission stations instead of one, without materially increasing our current expenses.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

THE TOHOKU GAKUIN.

The educational policy adopted several years ago, is still adhered to, and continues to be prosecuted with vigor. The primary aim of the Tohoku Gakuin, is to train and educate young men for the Christian ministry ; and secondarily to afford facilities for a Christian education, to such others as may desire to avail themselves of them, thus raising up an educated Christian laity. So far as the primary aim is concerned, the success continues unabated. The places vacated by the graduating classes, and other retiring candidates, are filled by newcomers, so that the whole number of candidates for the ministry remains about the same for the past three years, namely, about 50. At the last commencement a class of six graduated and entered upon active work. The outlook for this branch of our educational work is assuring. So far as the number of students, who are seeking simply a general classical education, a goodly number of whom have been non-Christians, at least when they entered the institution, is concerned, there has been a decrease. The highest number of students reached in the past, was about 170, in all the departments. The present number is 141, and not all of these are in regular attendance, while from present indications there seems to be but faint promise of any material increase in the near future. The falling off has been, of course, on the part of those who aim at a general business education. This has been caused by the facilities furnished by the government schools, which are of a high order, and the popular prejudice against the graduates of Christian schools. They are at a decided disadvantage in competing for employment whether in government or business circles. The consequence is that preference is shown for schools established by the State. This is to be deprecated, as it materially impairs the evangelistic efficiency of our Christian institutions. These adverse causes are inoperative in case of the candidates for the ministry of the gospel. So that the grand purpose for which our educational policy was adopted, continues encouragingly fruitful in results.

As an adjunct to the Tohoku Gakuin, Rev. M. Oshikawa,

as a personal enterprise and at his own financial risk, has established an *Industrial Home*. Its purpose is to aid poor young men to acquire an education. By becoming an inmate of the *Home*, the student is required to spend a certain number of hours each day in some industrial pursuit, by which he wins wages, which wages go into the treasury of the *Home*. Besides this income, charitable natives make contributions; and in addition, some of our supported students board in the *Home*, and the Mission pays into its treasury a certain allowance for their boarding. Thus are poor students enabled in part to support themselves, while they are brought under the moulding and regenerating power of Christianity. Non-Christians as well as Christians are received into this *Home*. The relation of this *Industrial Home* to our Tohoku Gakuin subjects the Mission to no financial responsibility, but in view of the benefit it affords our school, the Board made it a donation of one hundred dollars, to relieve it of an oppressive debt.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The Board is exceedingly happy in being able to report the uninterrupted prosperity of this branch of our work. There has been no decrease, rather a small increase, in the number of scholars. The present number is 57. Most of these are boarders, and the capacity of our school buildings, in this regard, is about filled. The Mission has asked the Board for an additional building, under the conviction that with larger facilities the number of scholars would more rapidly increase.

Prior to Rev. Dr. Moore's entrance upon the Principalship of this school, it had been under the immediate and sole control and management of its American teachers. This had been a cause of dissatisfaction to some of the Japanese. When therefore Rev. Dr. Moore took charge of the school, the Board placed it under the control and government of the Mission. In the reorganization which followed, the immediate management was lodged in the hands of an Executive Committee, composed of Americans and Japanese. This committee is to exercise its functions under the general supervision and control of the Mission. This arrangement had the effect of allaying the dissatisfaction which previ-

ously existed, and the school moved forward with uninterrupted prosperity.

On the arrival of Miss Lena Zurfluh in September, 1894, Rev. Dr. Moore retired from the Principalship of the school. In the appointment of a successor, agreeably to the wishes and at the request of Miss Hollowell, then the senior teacher, Miss Zurfluh was chosen. She at once entered upon the duties of her position, and to the present time has continued to discharge them in an efficient and satisfactory manner, to the continued prosperity and success of the school.

It was in 1891 that the proposal of the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod to support an additional lady teacher in the Girls' School enabled the Board to commission and send out Miss Mary C. Hollowell. This initiatory step in the way of direct work in the foreign field, had the effect of awakening thought and inspiring the inquiry as to whether the women of our church were not competent for, and entitled to, a larger share in this blessed work. The subject was discussed, inquiries made and prayers for guidance were offered up, by them. The outcome was, the adoption of a resolution to make the offer to the Board of Foreign Missions, to assume the entire support of the Girls' School. Official notice of this resolution was laid before the Board at its regular meeting in March, 1895, when the proposal was cordially and thankfully accepted, and the future support of the school was committed to the Woman's Missionary Society, G. S. Thus have the women of our Reformed church joined in our labors to rescue the women of Japan from the deep degradation into which their false religion has plunged them.

BENEFICIARY STUDENTS.

The plan of supporting poor students, whether as candidates for the ministry in the Tohoku Gakuin, or scholars in the Girls' School by patrons in America, continues in successful operation. According to the terms of this plan, the patron assumes the support of the beneficiary at a cost of \$60 a year, payable semi-annually in advance. The experience in the case of the girls has been entirely satisfactory, and results in raising up a class of Japanese women who serve as Bible women, or take their places as wives and mothers in Christian homes. Or when, as some-

times happens, that, in accordance with prevailing custom, they are by constraint of their parents married into non-Christian families, they become living epistles, and like leaven they work for the diffusion of our holy religion.

In the case of the male beneficiaries, there have been exceptions to desirable results. In a few instances, after enjoying support for a few years, the candidate has turned aside from the pursuit of the ministry to some other calling, as is not unfrequently the case in this country. One beneficiary was recently dismissed because of immorality, and one or two, without dishonor, because of want of adaptation to the work of the ministry. The disqualification being rather in natural disposition and other qualities than defect in Christian character. The effect of this experience has been, to require a longer probation, directing new applicants to enter the *Industrial Home*, where they are tested, and the depth and sincerity of their professions, their purpose and intellectual qualities are put upon trial. We consequently do not receive as many applications seeking patrons in this country. The present number of beneficiaries in the Male School is 21, in the Girls' School 27. Withal, at least nine-tenths of our beneficiaries have proved to be true and reliable Christian men, and those in the evangelistic field are doing an admirable work.

FINANCES.

The tentative apportionment made by your Reverend Body three years ago, proved to be but a partial success. It was accepted and re-apportioned by some of the District Synods, down to the Classes ; by the rest it was more or less favorably acted upon, and commended to their constituency. The response was favorable in that many congregations which had been remiss before, were moved to make contributions to our work ; while only too many gave no heed to the call of this body, and instances are not wanting where it was discarded by classes, by formal action.

The Board, apprehensive of a shortage, especially in view of its then oppressive indebtedness, requested the District Synod, and the church at large, to designate a week during the lenten season, to be observed as a time for self-denial and special offerings, for its relief. The result was, that together with the in-

crease accruing from the apportionment, the self-denial offerings enabled the Board to defray all its current expenses, and cancel more than half its floating debt. The self-denial effort was repeated in 1895, but with less favorable results, as a special offering for another branch of our church work was solicited simultaneously. Still the receipts of the treasury were such as to enable the liquidation of the remaining portion of the floating debt, besides meeting all current expenses. So that it is now the happy privilege of the Board to report itself free from debt, except the \$5,000 on permanent loan.

During the last year the finances of the Board have been in an exceedingly healthy state, notwithstanding the increase of expenses incident to the sending out of a new missionary. And up to the present time our treasurer has not been necessitated to seek bank accommodations. But it is with deep regret that we have to report, that within the last few months there has been a falling off in our receipts to an extent to awaken some anxiety. The legacies which have been reported in favor of the Board, are as yet, and doubtless for some time will be, unavailable, and consequently it finds itself dependent upon the current receipts from the church.

In naming the estimated sum which will be needed by our work for the coming three years, the Board rejoices in being able to say that it asks for no increase of the amount designated three years ago by this body. It asks for the same sum, viz., \$35,000 per year. But in view of the continually increasing demands upon its treasury, it urgently asks for that amount, *in full*. Not five or six thousand dollars short, as in recent years. With this full sum at the Board's disposal it is persuaded that all current expenses can be borne, without arresting the onward progress of the work, with which a gracious God is blessing it.

The Board respectfully requests your Reverend Body to repeat the act of apportionment, accompanied with such additional action as will avail to secure obedience to its just and authoritative enactments.

THE KANEKO MEMORIAL.

George Kinzo Kaneko was a Christian Japanese who had with much credit and promise completed the full Collegiate and

Theological courses, and for an additional year had pursued a post-graduate course in the Church Institutions at Lancaster, Pa. It was the intention of the Board that he should take a position as teacher in our Tohoku Gakuin, for which he was esteemed as eminently qualified both as a scholar and a devout Christian. During his last year his health failed, which while not disabling him for the completion of his educational course, developed into the consumption. And about the time he had hoped to return to his earthly home, God called him to his home in the house of many mansions on high. It was his untimely and lamented death which was the occasion of what is called the Kaneko Memorial movement.

The Board had not entertained any thought of a material enlargement of its educational plant in Sendai, as its current receipts did not seem to indicate the arrival of the time for such a movement. It was aware that the Tahoku Gakuin was cramped for the want of larger material facilities. But beyond the erection of an inexpensive building for dormitory purposes, no thought was entertained. And accordingly when Rev. W. E. Hoy started upon his tour of visiting our churches, he was instructed to confine his solicitations for aid, to the regular order of our missionary work. To these instructions he adhered. But upon the occasion of his most earnest presentation of the claims of our prospering work to the Classis of Philadelphia, at its annual meeting in 1895, dwelling upon the growth and enlargement of our educational interests, and the limitations which restrained them, the Classis of its own motion pledged the sum of \$2,000 toward raising a fund of \$25,000 for the erection of a college building at Sendai, Japan, to be designated the Kaneko Memorial. Classis issued invitations to the other classes of the Church to join in the enterprise. The Board feeling the urgency for enlarged facilities for the Tohoku Gakuin, approved the movement, but on the express condition that it should in no way be allowed to interfere with the usual and necessary contributions to the general work. For the last few weeks Rev. Mr. Hoy has been giving special attention to the accumulation of this memorial fund.

THE ALMSHOUSE ONE CENT FUND.

A perpetual scholarship in the Tohoku Gakuin, for the education of young men for the Christian Ministry, has been endowed with the sum of twelve hundred dollars. The fund was accumulated by contributions, larger and smaller, made for this purpose throughout the Church. Its initiative was *One Cent*, given, with the remark, “*Here is something for the Lord,*” by a poor afflicted colored man, an inmate of the Montgomery County, Pa., almshouse. As a *gospel mite* contributions were asked that it might grow to a sum of such proportions as would make it efficient for the promotion of Divine Glory and the salvation of human souls. The response was prompt, and exceeding all expectations has reached a sum slightly exceeding \$1200. The Board has ordered this sum to be invested as the foundation of a permanent Scholarship in our Sendai School of the Prophets.

MISSIONARY LITERATURE..

Feeling the urgent necessity for the diffusion of information throughout our church, concerning our foreign work, and the awakening of a more lively and active interest in the cause of Missions generally, the Board deemed it wise to endeavor to provide a literature in the form of tracts, booklets, etc., for distribution gratuitously or at a nominal cost. In pursuance of this object, it has recently published a neat booklet, entitled “A Historical Sketch of the Work of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.” This little book has been sent forth for gratuitous distribution. An edition of 15,000 in English, now well nigh exhausted, has proved too small by several thousands, to meet the demand. An edition of 5,000 in German has been published later, and similarly distributed. The life of Mr. Dengoro Takahashi, one of the students of the Tohoku Gakuin, who went forth as an evangelist to one of the Kurile Islands, where he lost his life, and the history of the Almshouse One Cent Fund, with the picture of Isaac Bruce, the giver of the original One Cent, have recently been published in the form of tractlets, and are being gratuitously distributed. The experience of the Board, thus far, in creating a popular Missionary literature has been highly encouraging.

But at best, this is only a small beginning, and with all the favor with which it has been received, is quite inadequate to the wants in the case. What is needed, is to reach every family in the Church, in so far as it is at all practicable. Heretofore our Mission Boards have found access to the body of the Church, in the way of printed matter, through the columns of our church papers and *The Missionary Guardian*. But the combined circulation of all our periodicals reaches but a portion of our membership. Our only distinctively missionary periodical, *The Missionary Guardian*, has had but a shamefully small circulation, and the question recurs, "how are we affectively to reach the church with an instructive and acceptable missionary literature?"

The conclusion of the Boards is unitedly to ask General Synod to establish a missionary paper as its organ, to be published in a large monthly issue, and furnished at a merely nominal cost ; believing that the cost of publication, etc., can be largely defrayed by the income from advertisements ; and that the ministry be enjoined to promote its circulation by diligent and industrious effort. A scheme for such a publication, similar to those adopted by other churches, will be submitted to this body, and its favorable consideration requested.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

The Board having not yet received a complete and satisfactory statistical report for the year 1894-95, begs leave to present the one for 1893-94.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1893-94.

	Organized Churches.	Self-Supporting and Independent Churches.	Preaching Stations.	Membership Last Year.	Dismissals and Erasures	Deaths.	Received from other Churches.	Baptisms.	Present Membership.	Girls' School.	Scholars.	Sunday Schools.	Scholars.	Boys' Schools.	Scholars.	Theological Schools.	Scholars.	Native Ministers	Unordained Preachers.	Colporteurs.	Bible Women.	Contributions for the Purpose.
Motodaiku Church (Nihon Bashi).....	.1	.2	.68	.2	.1	4	.69	.1	.37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	\$...78 20	
Iwatsuki.....	.1	.2	.99	.6	.3	7	.97	.1	.46	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..20 43
Matsubayashi .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ozawa .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..15 71
Bancho .....	.1	.1	.267	.4	.5	.6	.5	.269	.1	.116	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..172 60
	.3	.1	.8	.524	.19	.10	.6	.16	.517	..	.4	.233	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	\$..286 94
Sendai.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fukushima.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nakamura.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Shiroishi.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ogawara.....	..4	..1	.22	.874	..37	.13	..29	.167	.1020	.1	.58	.17	.621	.1	.134	.1	.26	.6	.13	.2	.5	.1870 15
Watari.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tome .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Yonezawa .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Yamagata.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tsurugarka.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Shintatsu.....	.1	..1	.3	.86	.3	.1	..2	.84	..1	.24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.37 80
Iwanuma.....	.1	..1	.2	.102	.21	.3	..6	.84	..1	.26	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.61 30
Furukawa.....	.1	..2	..46	.8	.1	..3	..40	..1	.23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.14 51
Ishinomaki.....	.1	..1	.1	.68	.32	.1	.11	.46	..1	.27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.11 20
Akita.....	..	..1	..1	..1	..2	..3	..9	..9	..1	.17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.5 30
Hakoente.....	..1	..1	.2	.142	.4	.2	.3	.21	.160	..1	.92	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.241 00
	.9	..4	.33	.1318	.105	.21	..32	.219	.1443	.1	.58	.23	.830	.1	.134	.1	.26	.8	.16	.2	.5	\$2241 27
Grand Total.....	12	..5	.41	1842	.124	.31	..38	.235	.1960	.1	.58	.27	.1063	.1	.134	.1	.26	.9	.18	.2	.5	\$2528 21

SHALL WE ESTABLISH A MISSION IN CHINA?

In consequence of the information the Board has received of a growing sentiment in our church that we ought not to confine our foreign work to Japan, but extend it to the neighboring Empire of China, it feels prompted to submit this question to this General Synod. Applications for appointment to China have been received. The Board did not feel that it was prepared to give the question a serious consideration other than to note the growing feeling and to look to this Body for instructions. Our Treasurer has bestowed careful thought upon the subject and has given the church the result of his study in the church papers. He points out one great advantage we would enjoy, were the work to be commenced in China, by the nearness of our Japan Mission at Sendai. This, he thinks, would obviate the necessity of establishing institutions of learning, other than ordinary schools,

as by a slight increase in the teaching force in the Tohoku Gakuin, provision might be made at comparatively small cost, for the education of Chinese candidates for the ministry. Should the project be favorably entertained by this General Synod, provision would be necessary for sending out at least two missionary families, and for an increase of the estimate above submitted by at least \$5,000 a year for the next three years. That the call for an early and large increase of workers in that huge and terribly benighted Empire is urgent and indeed imperative, must be clear to every heart that loves the Lord Jesus Christ, and feels for its fellowmen. And if God in His providence should provide, through the ministry of this Synod, the way for an entrance by our Reformed church upon this holy service, the Board will be glad to become the organ for carrying it into effect, not doubting but that the laborers will be readily available. But without the expression of an opinion upon the subject by the Board, it awaits the instructions of your Reverend Body.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

The members of the Board whose terms of service expire, according to the previously established order, with this meeting of the General Synod, are, Rev. B. R. Bartholomew, Rev. John H. Prugh, D. D., Rev. P. Greding, D. D., Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D., and Elders Jos. L. Lemberger and Benjamin Kuhns. Those holding over for three years longer, are, Rev. Jas. I. Good, D. D., Rev. Jacob Dahlmann, D. D., Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., Elders J. Y. Dietz and J. Z. Gerhard, M. D.

It will be noticed that with the exception of the President, the entire Board of officers are among the retiring members.

CONCLUSION.

The Board is happy in being able to present so favorable an account of the history and progress of our work for the past three years. The political complications and the military strife which agitated the Empire of Japan during that period, militated more or less against the progress and enlarged success of our work. But withal a goodly measure of progress was effected, while the outlook for the future has grown brighter and more encouraging

than for the last few years. Commending the above account of stewardship to the wise judgment of your Reverend Body, and asking for your counsel and direction for the future, and such helpful enactments as may more largely facilitate the further prosecution of the blessed work, we respectfully submit this our Sixth Triennial Report.

Sr N. CALLENDER, *Secretary.*

JAS. I. GOOD, *President.*

2. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S.

From May, 1893 to May, 1896.

Receipts.		1896
1893		
May.....	\$2,084.83	January.....\$2,001.73
June.....	1,339.06	February..... 1,338.75
July.....	2,851.36	March..... 1,953.07
August.....	1,028.71	April..... 6,576.91
September.....	1,228.51	
October.....	2,815.28	—————\$29,854.61
November.....	1,103.35	
December.....	1,360.35	Carried forward.....\$91,216.33
1894		
January.....	2,620.41	
February.....	2,440.88	
March.....	5,031.81	
April.....	5,749.52	
	—————\$29,654.07	
May.....	6,191.14	
June.....	982.47	
July.....	1,546.56	
August.....	821.86	
September.....	1,504.31	
October.....	3,506.14	
November.....	1,457.43	
December.....	2,636.26	
1895		
January.....	3,569.65	
February.....	1,418.23	
March.....	3,513.47	
April.....	4,560.13	
	—————\$31,707.65	
May.....	5,632.45	
June.....	2,898.87	
July.....	1,237.31	
August.....	712.09	
September.....	1,289.62	
October.....	2,205.95	
November.....	1,971.32	
December.....	2,036.34	

		Proceeds of Notes.
1893		
Brought forward.....		\$91,216.33
1894		
May 21.....		\$6,960.33
July 1.....		6,977.83
July 17.....		6,960.33
Aug. 21.....		6,960.33
Sept. 23.....		6,960.33
Oct. 27.....		6,960.33
Nov. 1.....		498.83
Nov. 29.....		6,778.47
Dec. 16.....		6,264.30
1895		
Jan. 18.....		6,264.30
Jan. 31.....		1,743.88
Feb. 20.....		7,407.78
March 24.....		3,411.95
April 6.....		1,496.50
April 19.....		3,679.03
May 22.....		348.02
Aug. 1.....		2,492.08
Aug. 18.....		3,977.33
Sept. 19.....		3,380.73
Oct. 30.....		3,977.33
Dec. 3.....		2,982.50
1895		
Jan. 26.....		2,485.83
Feb. 28.....		497.16
		—————\$99,495.50
		\$190,711.83

Salaries, Rents, Etc.

Rev. J. P. Moore, D. D.

1893

May 1.....	\$ 10.00	April 16.....	\$ 36.27
May 5.....	125.19	April 19.....	258.84
June 2.....	112.00	July 18.....	3.20
June 2.....	388.75	July 21.....	69.60
July 25.....	300.00	August 1.....	346.80
September 21.....	111.84	October 29.....	65.65
September 29.....	6.50	October 30.....	234.15
October 11.....	49.18	October 30.....	50.00
November 1.....	292.42	November 26.....	30.00
1894	1.00	December 14.....	3.20
January 11.....	2.08	1895	
January 20.....	2.96	January 26.....	316.80
January 31.....	389.21	April 10.....	65.42
March 20.....	18.00	April 23.....	284.58
April 19.....	430.75	July 5.....	25.00
June 1.....	3.00	July 25.....	325.00
August 1.....	315.00	October 26.....	350.00
October 16.....	50.00	November 5.....	64.00
October 30.....	250.00	1896	
December 19.....	5.00	January 9.....	25.00

1895

January 26.....	295.00		\$ 4,606.70
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April 23.....	375.00
April 23.....	162.76

June 7.....	20.18
June 15.....	104.67

July 10.....	23.81
July 25.....	226.34

October 26.....	375.00
December 12.....	104.67

December 26.....	5.00
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1896

January 24.....	265.33
January 24.....	177.00

April 17.....	12.50
April 28.....	5.00

April 28.....	357.50
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\$ 5,372.64

Rev. D. B. Schneder.

1893

June 12.....	\$ 25.00
July 25.....	325.00

October 11.....	100.41
November 1.....	332.20

December 19.....	25.00
December 23.....	10.00

1894

January 31.....	495.94
March 29.....	75.72

April 6.....	52.92
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Rev. W. E. Hoy.

1893

July 8.....	\$ 12.70
July 25.....	327.30

August 7.....	100.00
September 29.....	175.00

November 1.....	232.66
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1894

January 31.....	528.45
March 20.....	56.77

March 21.....	125.00
April 3.....	400.00

April 19.....	266.98
May 11.....	125.00

May 31.....	6.19
May 31.....	4.32

June 2.....	3.00
June 18.....	50.00

August 1.....	186.09
August 14.....	50.00

September 11.....	75.00
September 28.....	1.00

October 1.....	60.00
October 30.....	54.00

October 30.....	10.00
October 30.....	75.00

October 30.....	60.00
October 30.....	10.00

December 8.....	50.00
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1895		
January 5.....	\$ 50.00	
February 5.....	105.25	
March 18.....	23.29	
March 18.....	40.00	
March 18.....	70.00	
March 18.....	64.00	
March 18.....	15.00	
June 1.....	125.00	
July 25.....	473.00	
October 18.....	141.00	
December 4.....	141.00	
1806		
January 1.....	*423.00	
March 5.....	100.00	
April 10.....	250.00	

	\$5,075.00	

Rev. H. K. Miller.

1893		
July 24.....	\$122.83	
July 25.....	200.00	
1894		
January 31.....	148.54	
April 19.....	237.50	
July 31.....	75.00	
August 1.....	125.00	
October 30.....	175.00	
1895		
January 26.....	175.00	
March 12.....	50.00	
April 23.....	175.00	
July 25.....	125.00	
July 25.....	50.00	
October 21.....	25.00	
October 26.....	125.00	
November 5.....	30.45	
1896		
January 24.....	119.55	
January 24.....	25.00	
April 28.....	10.00	
April 28.....	165.00	

	\$2,158.87	

Rev. M. Oshikawa.

1893		
July 25.....	\$175.00	
Movember 1.....	175.00	
1894		
January 31.....	175.00	
April 19.....	175.00	
August 1.....	175.00	
October 30.....	175.00	
1895		
January 26.....	175.00	

\$1,956.41

Mrs. J. P. Moore.

1893

July 25.....	\$ 75.00
November 1.....	75.00

1894	
January 31.....	75.00
August 1.....	75.00
October 30..	\$ 75.00
1895	
January 26.....	75.00

	\$450.00

Miss Mary C. Hollowell.

1893	
July 25.....	\$175.00
September 19.....	109.29
October 17.....	25.00

1894	
January 31.....	150.32
April 19.....	212.50
April 23.....	28.37
June 18.....	28.00
August 1.....	146.63
October 30.....	150.00
November 30.....	50.00

1895	
January 26.....	100.00
April 23.....	200.00
July 25.....	150.00
October 26.....	150.00

1896	
July 24.....	150.00
August 28.....	12.00
August 28.....	138.00

\$1,975.11

Miss Lizzie Poorbaugh.

September 19.....	\$500.00
September 19.....	345.35
September 19.....	6.50
September 19.....	97.42
September 19.....	34.34
September 19.....	58.34

\$1,041.95

Miss Emma F. Poorbaugh.

September 19.....	\$ 34.35
September 19.....	58.34

\$92.68

Miss Lena Zurfluh.

1894	
April 24.....	\$ 50.00
June 8.....	125.00
June 10.....	125.00

June 28.....	\$400.00
August 1.....	175.00
October 30.....	150.00
1895	
January 26.....	150.00
March 13	50.00
April 23.....	150.00
July 25.....	150.00
October 24.....	25.00
October 26.....	125.00
1896	
January 24.....	150.00
April 28.....	150.00

S. N. Callender, D. D., Secretary.

1893	
May 1. for April.....	\$ 87.50
June 10. for May.....	87.50
July 3. for June.....	87.50
August 2. for July.....	87.50
September 1. for August.....	87.50
October 2. for September.....	87.50
November 1. for October.....	87.50
December 1. for November.....	87.50

1894	
January 2. for December.....	87.50
February 1. for January.....	87.50
March 2. for February.....	87.50
April 11. for March.....	87.50
May 5. for April.....	87.50
June 1. for May.....	87.50
July 5. for June	87.50
August 2. for July.....	87.50
September 4. for August.....	87.50
September 29. for September..	87.50
November 2. for October.....	87.50
December 1. for November....	87.50
December 31. for December....	87.50

1895	
February 2. for January.....	87.50
February 28. for February....	87.50
March 30. for March.....	108.34
March 30. 9 mo. additional....	187.56
May 3. for April.....	108.33
June 3. for May.....	108.34
June 29. for June.....	108.33
August 2. for July.....	108.34
September 3. for August.....	108.33
October 2. for September.....	108.34
November 1. for October.....	108.33
December 30. for November....	108.34

1896	
February 1. for January.....	108.34

March 6, for February.....	108.33	September 3.....	125.00
March 30, for March.....	108.34	December 10.....	125.00

\$3608.42

Jos. L. Lemberger, Treasurer.
1893
June 7.....\$ 8.55
August 2.....166.79
November 1.....125.00
1894
March 29.....199.78
June 1.....83.34

1895	
February 28.....	125.00
June 4.....	125.00
September 18.....	125.00
December 2.....	125.00
1896	
January 6.....	50.00
April 11.....	75.00

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\$1458.46

Schools.

Miyago Jagakko.

1893
July 25.....\$625.00
1894
January 31.....127.37
April 19.....625.00
August 1.....625.00
October 30.....625.00
1895
January 26.....625.00
April 23.....500.00
July 25.....500.00
October 26.....500.00
1896
January 24.....500.00
April 28.....625.00

\$5877.37

Tohoku Gakuin.

1893
July 25.....\$1250.00
November 1.....1250.00

1894

January 31.....	1683.06
April 19.....	1250.00
August 1.....	1250.00
August 8.....	150.00
October 30.....	1250.00

1895

January 26.....	1250.00
April 23.....	1187.50
July 25.....	1187.50
August 27.....	116.64
September 10.....	47.44
October 26.....	1023.42
November 5.....	67

1896

January 24.....	1186.83
April 28.....	1200.00

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\$15,283.06

Evangelistic Fund.

1893
July 25.....\$625.00
November 1.....625.00

January 24.....	875.00
April 28.....	950.00

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\$9325.00

Incidental and Chapel Fund.

1894
January 31.....625.00
April 19.....750.00
August 1.....750.00
October 30.....750.00

1893	
July 25.....	\$125.00
November 1.....	125.00

1895

January 26.....750.00
April 23.....875.00
July 25.....875.00
October 20.....875.00

1894	
January 31.....	125.00
April 19.....	125.00
August 1.....	125.00
October 30.....	125.00

1896

1895	1896
January 26	125.00
April 23.....	125.00
July 25.....	125.00
October 26..	125.00
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1896	1896
January 24.....	125.00
April 28.....	200.00
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	\$1575.00
Bible Woman.	Mission Incidentals.
1893	1893
July 25.....	\$ 50.00
November 1.....	50.00
1894	1894
January 31.....	50.00
April 19.....	50.00
August 1.....	50.00
October 30.....	50.00
1895	1895
January 26.....	50.00
April 23.. ..	50.00
July 25.....	50.00
October 26.. ..	50.00
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	\$3441.01

General Expenses.

May 1. H. McMurtrie, Passage, Dr. Moore.....	\$75.00
Franklin Hallet & Co., Freight, Dr. Moore.....	101.68
2. Chas. A. High, Stereopticon Assistant to Dr. Moore.	27.50
S. N. Callender, D., D.....	25.00
3. Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, travel, etc.....	3.75
15. Printing, D. M. Sharp.....	12.00
22. J. K. Raundenbush, examination of books.....	25.00
27. Report Pub. Co., Ltd., 5,000 copies Triennial Report.	138.75
30. P. Greding, D. D., travelling expenses.....	19.75
J. H. Prugh, D. D., travelling expenses.....	8.00
Queen & Co., Stereoscope and express.....	25.40
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	\$461.83
June 2. Rev. J. P. Moore, D. D., return to Japan.....	624.40
Travel as per bill.....	8.32
27. Travelling expenses sundry Members to meeting of Board.....	51.29
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	684.01
July 3. S. N. Callender, D. D., travel, etc.,.....	50.00
25. Commission on London Exchange.....	25
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	50.25
Aug. 25. Freight on Christmas Gifts for Mission.....	8.45
30. A. Hershberger & Son, packing.....	3.70
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	12.15

Sept. 1.	S. N. Callender, D. D., incideutals and travel.....	\$75.00	
12.	J. I. Good, D. D., Eastern Ger. Synod, etc.....	10.50	
13.	S. N. Callender, D. D., travel, etc.....	25.00	
15.	Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, Ex. Com. Hbg.....	2.71	_____
			\$113.21
Oct. 14.	Ger. Pub. House, 1000 Mission Reports.....	7.50	
18.	Anderson Copying Machine.....	8.00	
24.	J. K. Raudenbush, accounting.....	62.50	
30.	J. H. Prugh, D. D., travel, etc., Ex. Com.....	43.50	_____
			121.50
Nov. 1.	Orphan O. Tome.....	20.00	
	Commission on London Exchange.....	.25	
22.	Sundry expenses meeting of Board, Hbg. Mr. Takeo Noya, C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., J. Dahlmann, D. D., J. S. Kieffer, J. H. Prugh, D. D., J. I. Good, D. D., J. Z. Gerhard, M. D., J. L. Lem- berger.....	69.50	
Dec. 1.	Report Publ. Co., Ltd., Stationery for Sec.....	11.75	
	1894.		
Jan. 2.	Mrs. J. P. Moore, freight, June 1, '93.....	15.00	
12.	S. N. Callender D. D., sundry expenses.....	50.00	
31.	Japan Evangelist, per C. R. Ferner.....	131.40	
	Commission on London Exchange.....	.25	_____
			196.65
Feb. 10.	J. K. Raudenbush, accounting.....	62.50	
17.	20,000 Self-Denial Envelopes.....	20.75	
24.	2 qrs. neostyle paper and postage.....	3.56	_____
			86.81
Mar. 14.	J. Dahlmann, D. D., expenses to Board, Greensburg	5.75	
	Lena Zurfluh, expenses to Board, Greensburg.....	19.66	
17.	300 copies Conference Reports.....	14.25	
	J. S. Kieffer, D. D., expenses to Greensburg.....	9.60	
	J. I. Good, D. D., expenses to Greensburg.....	10.00	
	J. L. Lemberger, expenses to Greensburg.....	14.58	
	J. Y. Dietz, expenses to Greensburg.....	25.00	
	B. Kuhns, expenses to Greensburg.....	18 00	
	Rev. J. H. Prugh, D. D., expenses to Greensburg....	1.00	
20.	J. Z. Gerhard, M. D., expenses to Greensburg.....	9.00	
23.	D. C. Smith, acknowledgement release.....	.25	
	S. N. Callender, D. D., sundry expenses.....	50.00	
	Collateral Inheritance tax and o her expenses, ac- count Jesse Oberly Legacy.....	289.00	_____
			466.09
Apr. 3.	Orphan O. Tome.....	20.00	
	Japan Evangelist.....	57.75	
	Commission on London Exchange.....	.25	

Apr. 10.	200 copies Conference Report.....	\$ 7.00
19.	Commission on London Exchange.....	.25
25.	F. W. Frost, blank book.....	3.00
	500 copies Epistle to Churches.....	5.00
28.	500 Circulars to Classis.....	2.75
		_____ \$ 96.00
May 5.	J. K. Raudenbush, accounting.....	62.50
22.	Rev. J. I. Good, D. D., to Classis.....	1.75
8.	Rev. J. Dahlmann, D. D., to Classis.....	5.25
31.	Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D. D., to Classis.....	1.55
		_____ 71.05
June 6.	Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, to Classis.....	2.50
19.	Rev. J. H. Prugh, D. D., to Classes, in Ohio, etc.....	25.05
		_____ 27.55
July 5.	S. N. Callender, D. D., account travel.....	50.00
7.	Dr. Greding, to Heidelberg, etc., Classes.....	16.35
10.	Dr. Dahlmann, travelling expenses Tiffin.....	3.50
	Dr. Greding, travelling expenses, Tiffin.....	2.40
	J. S. Kieffer, D. D., expenses to Tiffin.....	21.40
	J. H. Prugh, D. D., expenses to Tiffin.....	13.50
	C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., expenses to Tiffin.....	12.00
13.	B. Kuhns, expenses to Tiffin.....	6.30
	S. S. Snyder, expenses to Tiffin.....	4.00
14.	Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, expenses to Tiffin.....	33.00
	J. L. Lemberger, expenses to Tiffin.....	36.37
16.	Christopher Noss, expenses to Tiffin.....	18.20
21.	J. I. Good, D. D., expenses to Tiffin.....	25.00
		_____ 242.02
Aug. 1.	Japan Evangelist.....	8.25
	Miss Hollowell, per Mrs. Motter.....	2.50
	Commission on London Exchange.....	.25
8.	J. K. Raudenbush, accounting.....	62.50
		_____ 73.50
Sept. 18.	J. Z. Gerhard, M. D., meeting, Pottsville	3.6
	J. H. Prugh, D. D., meeting, General Synod, etc....	23.00
	J. L. Lemberger, Lehigh Classis, etc.....	6.43
20.	J. I. Good, D. D., meeting, Pottsville.....	1.00
	J. I. Good, D. D., meeting, Canton.....	12.00
29.	S. N. Callender, D. D., Sundry expenses.....	50.00
		_____ 95.99
Oct. 1.	Secretary, for stamps, telegrams, etc.	36.45
10.	For Rev. Hoy's College Building.....	25.00
19.	J. I. Good, D. D., to Western Synod.....	30.00
24.	Book Case for Secretary.....	18.00
	C. R. Dieffenbacher D. D., to Eastern Synod.....	9.04

Oct. 30.	Mrs. Schneder's Church (contribution).....	\$ 9.00	
	Commission on London Exchange.....	.25	
	Expenses to Pennsburg, Gery Legacy.....	7.25	
			— \$135.26
Nov. 9.	J. K. Raudenbush, accounting.....	62.50	
	J. H. Prugh, D. D., to E. G. Classis	16.90	
	Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, to Lancaster.....	3.11	
	J. Z. Gerhard, M. D., to Lancaster.....	1.80	
	Rev. B. S. Stern, to Dayton.....	5.00	
			— 89.31
Dec. 3.	F. Gutekunst, $\frac{1}{2}$ cut Rev. S. S. Suyder.....	3.00	
26.	Lehman & Bolton, 1000 certificates of Rev. S. S. Snyder, C. E. Missionary.....	75.00	
	S. N. Callender, D. D., sundry expenses	50.00	
			— 128.00
	1895.		
Jan. 26.	King's Daughters for Mrs. Schneder's Church.....	20.00	
	Commission on London Exchange.....	.25	
29.	Half-tone plate	3.00	
	Elliot & Co., mailing tubes.....	6.75	
			— 30.00
Feb. 2.	J. K. Raudenbush, accounting.....	62.50	
	Germ. Publishing House, appeals.....	5.50	
	Cash book.....	3.75	
	Mileage book, S. N. Callander, D. D.....	20.00	
20.	Wm. H. Rau, half-tone plate.....	3.00	
	Report Pub. Co., 10,000 envelopes.....	18.30	
			— 113.05
Mar. 12.	The meeting of Board, Reading,		
	Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D. D.....	5.62	
	J. Z. Gerhard, M. D.....	2.16	
	Rev. Jacob Dahlmann, D. D.....	25.00	
	Rev. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D.....	10.00	
	Rev. A. R. Bartholomew.....	1.04	
	27. Neostyle paper.....	3.57	
			— 47.29
Apr. 17.	Report of Conference..	30.00	
19.	Report Pub. Co., printing cash book etc	23.77	
	S. N. Callender, D. D., sundry expenses.....	20.00	
23.	Ladies' House, repairs.....	12.50	
	Orphan O. Tome.....	25.00	
	Mrs. D. Schneder, for church.....	10.00	
	To Shida Toshiyuki, for chapel.....	10.00	
	Commission on London Exchange.....	.25	
24.	Rev. Calvin S. Slagel, for remittance in error.....	37.31	
	30. J. K. Raudenbush, accounting.....	62.50	
			— 231.33

May 11.	Rev. W. E. Hoy, mileage book, etc.....	\$60.15
20.	Rev. J. I. Good, D. D., to Classis.....	4.50
27.	F. W. Frost, registry Book B.....	7.50
29.	Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, W. Susq. Classis.....	2.00
		— \$74.15
June 28.	John H. Prugh, D. D., to Classis.....	7.50
	C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D., to Classis.....	6.00
	J. Z. Gerhard, M. D., to Ex. Com.....	3.24
	J. I. Good, D. D., to Ex. Com.....	1.61
	Rev. W. E. Hoy, mileage book.....	20.00
	Rev. W. E. Hoy, incidentals.....	20.00
	Rev. W. E. Hoy, rent.....	32.00
29.	S. N. Callender, D. D., sundry expenses.....	65.50
		— 155.85
July 5.	A. L. Myers, Exchange Type Writer.....	72.50
6.	Commission on London Exchange.....	.25
	Rev. H. R. Miller, for chapel.....	800.00
	Mrs. D. B. Schneder, for chapel	10.00
10.	Carbon and duplicating paper.....	.85
25.	Ladies' House, repairs.....	12.50
	Commission on London Exchange.....	.25
		— 896.35
Aug. 2.	Postal cards, envelopes.....	3.25
	J. K. Raudenbush, accounting.....	62.50
8.	P. Greding, D. D., to Classis.....	8.70
20.	Rev. W. E. Hoy, sundry expenses.....	30.00
		— 104.45
Sept. 7.	Rev. W. E. Hoy, sundry expenses.....	50.00
	J. H. Prugh, D. D., to Ex. Co., Hbg.....	12.35
	Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, to Ex. Co. Hbg.....	3.25
	Rev. Christopher Noss, to Ex. Co. Hbg.....	2.61
16.	10,000 Missionary envelopes and express.....	18.04
19.	Rev. W. E. Hoy, sundry expenses.....	50.00
		— 136.25
Oct. 15.	Carbon paper etc.. ..	2.16
18.	Rev. W. E. Hoy, travel.....	100.00
26.	Ladies' House, repairs.....	12.50
	Orphan O. Tome.....	20.00
	Rev. H. K. Miller, chapel fund.....	5.00
	Commission on bill of exchange .....	.25
		— 139.91
Nov. 1.	Report Pub. Co., 10,000 Life of Dengoro.....	37.76
	J. K. Raudenbush, accounting.....	62.50
	J. I. Good, D. D., Frederick, Md.....	4.12
		— 140.38

Dec. 17.	J. H. Prugh, D. D., to Harrisburg, two trips.....	\$23.00
	J. I. Good, D. D., to Harrisburg, one trip.....	1.00
	Rev. A. R. Bartholomew.....	2.66
20.	S. N. Callender, D. D.....	75.00
		—
		\$102.26
1896.		
Jan. 1.	Rev. W. E. Hoy, mileage.....	20.00
11.	J. R. Raudenbush, accounting.....	62.50
17.	F. Gutekunst & Co., half-tone plate, Isaac Bruce....	3.50
24.	Ladies' Home, repairs.....	12.50
26.	Orphan Hoshi Fusajo, care Mrs. Moore.....	40.00
	Girl reclaimed from immortality, care Mrs. Moore..	15.00
	Mrs. Schneder's Church.....	5.00
	Industrial School	10.00
	Commission on Exchange.....	.25
28.	Rev. W. E. Hoy, travel, etc.....	54.02
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		222.77
Feb. 13.	15,000 Historical Sketches.....	467.14
	S. N. Callender, D. D., expenses.....	50.00
21.	S. N. Callender, D. D., expenses.....	75.00
29.	F. Gutekunst & Co.....	.30
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		592.44
Mar. 6.	Rev. Christopher Noss, expenses.....	51.96
10.	Travel etc., to Altoona, as follows:	
	S. Spangler Kieffer, D. D.....	6.96
	Rev. A. R. Bartholomew.....	6.62
	C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. D.....	3.00
	J. Dahmann, D. D.....	15.00
	P. Greding, D. D.....	16.25
	J. I. Good, D. D.....	5.42
	J. Z. Gerhard, M. D.....	5.28
	J. Y. Dietz.....	21.50
	J. H. Prugh, D. D.....	4.25
	J. L. Lemberger.	9.44
	A. R. Bartholomew, to New York.....	5.00
26.	Report Pub. Co., Ltd.....	20.95
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		171.63
Apr. 1.	A. R. Bartholomew, to Lebanon and part Altoona..	3.20
15.	J. K. Raudenbush, accounting.....	62.50
28.	Ladies' Home, repairs	12.50
		—
		78.20
Apr. 28.	Mrs. Annie Moore's Bible woman.....	50.00
	Mrs. Annie Moore's Organ.....	15.00
	Orphan O. Tome.....	20.00
	Mrs. Schneder's Christmas Fund.....	5.00

Commission on Exchange.....	\$.25
Apr. 30. Valley National Bank, to redeem unendorsed draft..	5.00

Report Pub. Co., Ltd., omitted July 21, '93.....	\$95.25

	3.64

	<u>\$6551.73</u>

INTEREST.

May 25, '93, Caroline G. Weiser, 6 mo. on \$5000 note...	\$150.00
Nov. 22, '93, " " " 6 " " " " ...	150.00
May 31, '94, " " " 6 " " " " ...	150.00
Nov. 9, '94, " " " 6 " " " " ...	150.00
May 3, '95, " " " 6 " " " " ...	150.00
Nov. 5, '95, " " " 6 " " " " ...	150.00

	<u>\$900.00</u>

INSURANCE.

June 27. Ladies' Residence and Girls' School, \$7500.....	\$243.75
Jan. 24. '95. Insurance on Tohoku Gakuin and Library \$6000.....	165.00

	<u>\$408.75</u>
By notes redeemed at Valley National Bank.....	<u>\$107,832.16</u>
Cash Balance in Bank.....	\$3116.64

Total.....	<u>\$190,711.83</u>

Recapitulation.

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To cash received, exclusive of notes discounted.....	\$91,216.33
" " " proceeds notes discounted at Valley	
National Bank, Lebanon, Pa.....	99,495.50

	<u>\$190,711.83</u>

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Rev. J. P. Moore, D. D.....	\$5,372.64
Rev. D. B. Schneder.....	4,606.70
Rev. Wm. E. Hoy.....	5,075.00
Rev. H. K. Miller.....	2,158.87
Rev. M. Oshikawa.....	2,200.00
Miss Mary C. Hollowell.....	1,975.11
Mrs. J. P. Moore.....	450.00
Rev. S. S. Snyder.....	3,804.87
Miss Lenah Zurfluh.....	1,975.00
Miss Emma F. Poorbaugh.....	92.68
Miss Lizzie Poorbaugh.....	1,041.95

Rev. Christopher Noss.....	1,956.41
Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D.....	3,608.42
J. L. Lemberger, Ph. M.....	1,458.46
Miyago Jogakko.....	5,877.37
Tohoku Gakuin.....	15,283.06
Evangelistic Fuud	9,325.00
Incidental and Chapel Fund.....	1,575.00
Bible Women.....	625.00
Missionary Incidentals.....	3,441.01
Interest.....	900.00
Insurance.....	408.75
General Expenses.....	6,551.73
	———— \$79,763.03
Notes redeemed account Valley National Bank, from May 31, '93, to April 2, '95.....	107,832.16
Balance Cash in Bank.....	3,116.64
	———— \$190,711.83

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, } ss.
COUNTY OF LEBANON, }

On this seventh day of May, A. D., 1896, before me the subscriber, Henry M. Boyer, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, John K. Raudenbush, who being duly affirmed according to law, says that he is an Accountant, duly qualified as such, that he has examined the books, papers, vouchers and accounts as hereinbefore stated, and finds the foregoing account to be correct and true in all respects.

J. K. RAUDENEUSH,
Accountant and Auditor.

Affirmed to and subscribed before me this day and year above written.

HENRY M. BOYER,
Notary Public.

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LEBANON, PA., MAY 1, 1896.

We the undersigned, appointed by the Board of foreign Missions to examine and audit the foregoing accounts of Jos. L. Lemberger, Treasurer, hereby certify that we have attended to the duty assigned us, and find the same to be correct, and that there is a balance of three thousand one hundred and sixteen and $\frac{64}{100}$ dollars (\$3116.64) in Treasurer's hands.

YACOB Y. DIETZ,
A. R. BARTHOLOMEW,
Committee of Auditors.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS FOR THE THREE YEARS,
MAY 1891 TO APRIL, 1893.

	1890.	1891.	1892.
May.....	\$1,732.46	\$1,825.58	\$1,965.94
June.....	1,310.59	1,889.58	2,149.74
July.....	2,730.98	1,349.48	1,858.30
August.....	401.18	1,203.50	786.00
September.....	1,704.05	1,827.07	1,453.49
October.....	1,055.63	1,353.99	1,493.65
November.....	1,197.62	927.19	1,953.63
December.....	1,494.00	1,365.07	2,457.60
	1891.	1892.	1893.
January.....	1,216.06	2,300.91	3,634.12
February.....	2,855.71	2,685.31	1,874.23
March	2,582.65	1,804.18	1,584.65
April.....	1,979.39	1,625.73	3,804.28
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	\$20,260.32	\$19,857.29	\$25,015.52

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS FOR THE THREE YEARS,
MAY, 1893, TO APRIL, 1896.

	1893.	1894.	1895.
May.....	\$2,084.83	\$6,191.14	\$5,632.45
June.....	1,339.06	982.47	2,898.87
July.....	2,851.36	1,546.56	1,237.31
August.....	1,028.71	821.86	712.09
September.....	1,228.51	1,504.31	1,289.62
October.....	2,815.28	3,506.14	2,205.95
November	1,103.35	1,457.43	1,971.32
December.....	1,360.35	2,636.26	2,036.34
	1894.	1895.	1896.
January.....	2,620.41	3,569.65	2,001.73
February.....	2,440.88	1,418.23	1,338.95
March.....	5,031.81	3,513.47	1,953.07
April.....	5,749.52	4,560.13	6,576.91
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	\$29,654.07	\$31,707.65	\$29,854.61

INVESTED FUNDS, LEGACIES, ETC., OF THE BOARD,
MAY 1, 1896.

Brinker Legacy.	Judgment in the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County, Pa., No. 460, June Term, 1887, against Lewis O. Phillips, of Harrisburg, payable, with interest at 5 per cent. per annum, semi-annually, May 20, 1891, and dated May 20, 1887, being the amount of the Brinker Legacy.....	\$1609.83
Dechant Legacy.	Coupon bond, common school district of the city of Harrisburg, Pa., No. 87, "Dechant" Legacy (4 per cent).....	100.00
Summy Denation.	Coupon bond, common school district of the city of Harrisburg, Pa., No. 282 (4 per cent), "Summy" donation...	100.00
Bucher Legacy.	Mortgage Trust Fund Certificate No. 1, Pennsylvania Trust Company, Reading, Pa., interest 5 per cent, payable semi-annually, "Bucher" Legacy	500.00
Dietz Legacy.	First mortgage on Lebanon City real estate, securing the "Catharine Dietz" Legacy.....	\$2000.00
	And Alms House 1 cent fund of.....	1200.00
	Interest 6 per cent., payable annually.....	3200.00
Hiviling Legacy.	First mortgage on Lebanon real estate, securing the "Sarah A. Hiviling" legacy.....	\$2887.50
	To which was added of Board's revenue,.....	112.50
	Interest 6 per cent., payable semi-annually...	3000.00
Wagner Bequest.	Bequest of Jacob S. Wagner, dec'd., Pottstown, Pa., Mrs. Wagner assuming the responsibility of the interest annually, of 5 per cent.....	3000.00
McCaulley Fund.	First mortgage bond, Cornwall & Lebanon Railroad Company, securing the "McCaulley Memorial Building Fund," 5 per cent., payable semi-annually.....	500.00
		\$12,009.83

Oberly Legacy. Your Treasurer also holds the late "Jesse Oberly" legacy, 75 shares of the capital stock of Bethlehem Iron Company, par value \$50.00, upon which 12 per cent. dividends have been paid in semi-annual payments.

This fund the Board has encouraged your Treasurer to hold so long as these good dividends are paid. It was given without condition and is so held.

The following are bequests of which we have record of similar character, *i. e.*, (given without condition), and have been consumed in the work, viz :

Dec. 26, 1892.	Bequest of John Grossham.....	\$ 30.00
Mar. 28, 1891.	" " Daniel Eberhard.....	500.00
June 15, 1891.	" " Elder Daniel Brosier.....	1000.00
July 13, 1892.	" " Elder Henry Wirt.....	1000.00
May 18, 1893.	" " Sar. h Gutelins.....	50.00
July 3, 1893.	" " Jacob and John Kinsey.....	952.50
Jan. 6, 1894.	" " Miss Louise Benner	500.00
Oct. 6, 1893.	" " 'Bolender,' Estate.....	400.00
Mar. 31, 1894.	" " Christian Spriny.....	100.00
Oct. 9, 1894.	" " Jesse Gery.....	952.50
May 9, 1895.	" " Otis and Catharine Barnet.....	300.00
Mar. 9, 1896.	" " John D. Hottel.....	234.30
Nov. 19, 1885.	" " Mrs. Amanda Dietzler.....	200.00
Sept. 11, 1886.	" " John Henry Bookhold.....	150.00
Feb. 9, 1887.	" " Mrs. Annie K. Uhler.....	950.00
Feb. 27, 1865.	" " Eliza Brownback.....	100.00
Aug. 18, 1861.	" " Geo. P. Cook.....	265.00

LEBANON, PA., May 9th, 1896.

I hereby certify that I have examined and audited the cash books of Treasurer Jos. L. Lemberger, that the statement of the receipts and expenditures was made by me from said books, and that it is true and correct in all its details.

J. K. RAUDENBUSH,

Accountant.

To the Board of Foreign Missions,
Reformed Church, U. S. A.

IV. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, during the Morning on the Eighth day of the Sessions, submitted its report, which was received and as amended, adopted, together with the Report of the Board, and that of the Treasurer, and is as follows:

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully report, that three documents have come into our hands, (1) an overture from the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, requesting this Synod not to include in our synodical apportionment the support of the Girls' School at Sendai; (2) an overture from the Lancaster Classis of the Ohio Synod, asking for a deliverance as to whether moneys paid into the Foreign

Mission treasury for such objects as the support of Beneficiary students can be applied on the apportionment for Foreign Missions ; (3) the printed copy of the Sixth Triennial Report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, which also includes the report of the Treasurer of the Board. Your Committee has carefully examined these documents.

The plain, business-like overture from the Woman's Missionary Society is a significant indication of the practical value of organized, systematic effort among the women of our beloved Reformed Church in the interests of the Missionary cause. The overture is based upon the fact, which we are sure this Synod will rejoice to officially hear, that the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod has assumed the support of the Girls' School at Sendai. Coming, as it does, so soon after this same Society had assumed the entire support of Miss Mary C. Hollowell ; it indicates the growth and practical efficiency of the Woman's Missionary Society itself. Your Committee felt that so magnificent an overture as this deserved more than a mere passing notice, and a resolution granting it.

The Report of the Board is so thorough and complete in itself, that we forbear to repeat any of its thoughts or generalize its statements and facts. If facts are fuel for missionary enthusiasm, then surely this report ought to be scattered broadcast over the church, read at public missionary meetings, its substance given in missionary sermons, and so the life of the whole church made aglow with higher consecration, and a love like that of the Master himself, yearning for the conversion of heathenism.

There are two points upon which the Board asks instructions from this Synod : (1) upon the establishment of a Missionary paper to be the organ of this Synod, and (2) Shall we establish a Mission in China ?

Your Committee is most decidedly of the opinion, that the diffusion of Missionary information means not only increased receipts for the Board, but, what is far better, the fostering and cultivation of the true missionary spirit, which must include definite knowledge of missionary facts ; intelligent convictions as to missionary needs and opportunities, as well as that deep missionary impulse, which the Holy Ghost begets in the individual

and in the church. Our people have deeply appreciated the information, which has been furnished through the columns of the church papers already established. If now, a newsy, attractive, aggressive monthly missionary paper, which shall also touch the young life of the church, can be issued and given a wide circulation, it would be a most efficient adjunct to our missionary agencies, and exert an immense influence upon the spiritual life and the benevolence of the Church.

"Shall we establish a Mission in China?" The Board could hardly have asked a question of greater moment. At first it would seem that such a movement at this time might cripple the work in Japan, or at least divert attention from it. After a careful investigation of this phase of the question, your committee is, however, unanimous in the conviction, that the real result will be to develop such an enlarged missionary spirit, and such increased liberality in the Church, that our work in Japan will be strengthened rather than weakened by the judicious inauguration of the work in China. In fact, because of the contiguous location of these two empires and their affinity as to language. Japan could furnish us much of our first working-force, with which to inaugurate the work in China. The Tohoku Gakuin, by a slight increase in its teaching force, could be made a common training-school for both a native Japanese and Chinese ministry. The recent war, instead of separating these two empires of the Orient, seems to have really brought them into closer touch and contact. If we begin the work in China heroically and earnestly, we believe the response of the Church in this country will be so emphatic, as to convince us, that it was God, who has led this Synod to enter the greatest missionary field on the globe, teeming with its 400,000,000 of people, and with territory of such magnificent proportions, as to far surpass our great American Republic. It would require at least, these next three years, to get the work in China well inaugurated. When, to all these considerations, we add what seems to us clearly providential, that, while we are considering this great opportunity to enter China for Christ's dear sake, the women of the Church come to us and voluntarily ask to take so much of the \$35,000 yearly apportionment (namely about \$5000) as would enable us to in-

augurate the work in China ; your Committee feels that the only answer to the Board's question is this : Dare we hesitate to enter this greatest of all heathen empires, when God seems to be leading us to its very threshold ?

In view of all these facts, your Committee would recommend the following :

1. Resolved that We, as a Synod, hereby put on record our grateful appreciation of the abundant blessings of God upon our work in Japan, and that we urge upon all our churches in the United States, a deeper development of the true missionary spirit, more prayer, more enthusiasm, a larger liberality, and a supreme consecration to the work of bringing the world to Christ.

2. Resolved that we again express our confidence in the wise management of our Foreign Mission interests by the Board of Commissioners ; that we rejoice in the delightful harmony throughout the whole work in all its various phases and departments ; that the church at home appreciates the devotion and faithfulness of our Missionaries and native workers in Japan ; and that the results thus far attained, are the best possible proofs of the wisdom of the investment, the Church has made in this field.

3. Resolved that this Synod has heard with intense gratification of the many legacies and bequests made to the Foreign Mission work during the past three years ; of the faithfulness of the Sunday Schools in the support of the Sunday School Missionary, Rev. H. K. Miller ; of the splendid work of the women of the church in awakening the spirit of Missions more thoroughly in the churches, and of their generous support of Miss Mary C. Hollowell and also now of the Girls' School at Sendai ; and we hail with joy the announcement in the Board's report, that the Christian Endeavor Societies of our church, in the spirit of denominational loyalty and aggressiveness, both offered to assume and have actually been paying the support of Rev. S. S. Suyder, who is known to the church at large as the Christian Endeavor Missionary.

4. Resolved that the request of the Board for the continuance of the apportionment of \$35000 per year, for the next three

years be granted, and that the Committee on Finance is hereby instructed to make this apportionment upon the Synods.

5. Resolved that the request of the Woman's Missionary Society be granted, and that the entire financial support of the Girls' School at Sendai, be assigned to that Society.

6. Resolved that churches contributing to the support of the Sunday School Missionary, Rev. H. K. Miller, or the Christian Endeavor Missionary, Rev. S. S. Snyder, be entitled to credit on their apportionment for the amounts contributed to either one or both of these purposes, upon the presentation of their receipt or receipts from the Treasurer of the Board. But, contributions for the support of either male or female beneficiaries, for Mission Buildings, or any special object, shall not be credited upon the apportionment.

7. Resolved that, inasmuch as General Synod has decided to establish a monthly paper to be devoted to the interests of Missions and the Sunday Schools, the Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed to perfect all necessary arrangements for a Foreign Mission Department in it.

8. Resolved that we hereby express our appreciation of the efforts of our Missionaries and of the Board to keep the church informed about the progress and needs of the work through our church papers, and we hereby request them, not to allow the establishment of this monthly Missionary paper, to interfere with their keeping the needs and progress of the work of Foreign Missions before the Church through the papers already established.

9. Resolved that we hereby commend to the liberality of the church the Kaneko Memorial Fund for the erection of a College at Sendai.

10. Resolved that the Board is hereby authorized if, in its judgment it be expedient to do so, to start a mission in China or such other field as may seem to the Board most needy and promising.

11. Resolved that, in view of the enlarged plan of work in Japan, and the inauguration of the Mission work in China, this General Synod appeals to all District Synods, Classes and Congregations to secure the entire amount of the apportionment, and we call upon the entire Church, to show its gratitude to God by

large and frequent free-will offerings, so that the income of the Board shall be sufficient for our enlarged and ever-enlarging Foreign Mission work.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

Rev. W. E. Hoy and Miss Yoshida's Departure for Japan.

On Wednesday Evening while the Report of Missions was under consideration Rev. Hoy and Miss Yoshida appeared on the floor of Synod. Shortly before the close of the Session, on the eve of their departure for Japan, these Missionaries appeared in front of the Chancel to take their farewell leave of Synod. The President led Synod in a fervent prayer : A Hymn was sung "Blest be the tie that binds" and the blessing of God was invoked upon these servants of Christ by the President in pronouncing the Apostolic Benediction.

The Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, holding its Fourth Triennial Meeting in the First Reformed Church of this City, sent a request to have the Minutes of its proceeding incorporated with the printed Minutes of the General Synod. This request, on motion, was granted and the Stated Clerk instructed to have the Society's minutes printed with the English Minutes of General Synod, the Society paying its share of the Expense of the same.

V. ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

1. *Board of Home Missions.*

MEMBERS WHOSE TERM EXPIRES MAY 1899.

Rev. John Bachmann, D. D.

Rev. Samuel B. Yockey, D. D.

Rev. Thos. J. Barkley, D. D.

Elder Horace Ankeney.

Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D.

Elder Jas. T. Reber.

MEMBERS WHOSE TERM EXPIRES MAY 1902.

Rev. Jno. A. Peters, D. D.

Rev. Chas. F. Kriete.

Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D.

Elder C. M. Boush.

Rev. Jno. H. Sechler, D. D.

Elder F. G. Hobson.

OFFICERS OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

REV. JNO. A. PETERS, D. D., *President*, Tiffin, Ohio.
REV. J. J. LEBERMAN, D. D., *Vice President*, Louisville, Ohio.
REV. THOS. J. BARKLEY, *Secretary*, Gettysburgh, Pa.
ELDER JAS. F. REBER, *Treasurer*, Reading, Pa.

Members of Executive Committee.

Revs. Jno. A. Peters, D. D.	Jno. J. Leberman, D. D.
Thomas J. Barkley, D. D.	Samuel B. Yockey.
Elder C. M. Boush.	General Supt. Rev. D. S. Fouse, D. D.
Eastern Supt. Rev. A. C. Whitmer.	Western Supt. Rev. A. S. Dechant.

Board of Foreign Missions.

MEMBERS WHOSE TERM EXPIRES MAY 1899.

Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D.	Rev. Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, D. D.
Rev. Jas. I. Good, D. D.	Elder Jacob Dietz.
Rev. Jacob Dahlmann, D. D.	Elder Jerome Z. Gerhard.

MEMBERS WHOSE TERM EXPIRES MAY 1902.

Rev. H. R. Bartholomew.	Rev. Peter Greding, D. D.
Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D.	Elder Jos. L. Lemberger.
Rev. Jno. H. Prugh, D. D.	Elder Benj. Kuhns.

Officers of Board of Foreign Missions.

REV. JAS. I. GOOD, D. D., *President*, Reading, Pa.
REV. JOHN H. PRUGH, D. D., *Vice President*, Pittsburgh, Pa.
REV. S. N. CALLENDER, D. D., *Secretary*, Mechanicsburg, Pa.
ELDER JOS. L. LEMBERGER, *Treasurer*, Lebanon, Pa.

Members of Executive Committee.

The aforesaid officers in connection with Rev. Allen R. Bartholomew and Elder Jerome Z. Gerhard constitute the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XIV.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

The following reports were received and considered during the present sessions of Synod, and also adopted :

I. ORPHANS' HOMES — TRIENNIAL REPORTS.

Report of Board of Directors for Orphans' Homes.

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES :

Fathers and Brethren :

Your Board of Directors of Orphans' Homes respectfully submit the following report :

Of our three Homes but one, namely our Eastern, has sent us their report, covering the time since your last meeting—1893—96. This report throughout is most encouraging and gratifying. The Bethany Orphans' Home, located at Womelsdorf, Pa., has steadily advanced in the extent as well as in the efficiency of its work. It has enlisted more and more the confidence and support of our people. It is widening its influence, as also the sphere of its blessed labors. It enjoys the benediction of those, who have gone out into the world from its bosom, and is now reaching its hands down to the little ones, which heretofore, by it, could not be cared for. For this enlargement of its sphere, we are under God, indebted to a special gift, as was also the case before, when additional buildings were secured.

The Superintendent of the Home makes the following statements :

"At the time of the meeting of the last General Synod we had 104 children in the Home. Since then 87 were received, 79 dismissed, leaving 112 at present in the Home. In this period of three years we have cared for 191 children in all. We take only poor children. We admit no boarders. All our children are dependent upon the church for support.

"The health of the family has been very good. We have had no deaths in the last three years.

"The children are taught in school, and receive religious instruction, as our rule has been for many years. They are also taught industrial work to some extent.

"We are now erecting a beautiful, substantial and well arranged cottage, in which to care for the little children under six years of age; a class whom we have as a rule not received heretofore. This cottage is a gift from Mrs. H. M. Housekeeper of Philadelphia. It will be a Memorial to her parents and will cost about \$6,000.

"Our farm is productive and in good condition.

" "Bethany Day" has become an occasion for general gathering of Reformed people (and others) in Eastern Pennsylvania. These gatherings have proved very helpful in our work in arousing an interest among the people for the cause."

From the Treasurer's report it appears, that the *receipts* during the last three years have been as follows: General contributions, \$22,795.41; Legacies, \$2,452.50; Subscriptions to "Boys' Workshop," paid up to this time, \$675; Anniversary receipts, interest, etc., \$4,478.13. A total of \$30,401.04, with a balance in the treasury, May 1893, of \$6.06, aggregating \$30,407.10.

The *expenses* are noted as follows: Current expenses, \$25, 137.45; Permanent improvements, \$1,603.86; "Boys' Workshop" (new building), \$1,172.07; Legacy invested and transferred to "Endowment Fund", \$1,500; aggregating \$29,413.38. Leaving a balance, May 5th, this year, of \$993.72.

All these statements are most encouraging, and call for gratitude on the part of our church, to all who have in any way or degree assisted in this work; but especially to the Lord himself, for both ability and willingness, to sacrifice and serve. May his continued blessing rest on "Bethany Orphans' Home"!

We suggest the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Lord be praised for such prosperity in this work of caring for the lambs of his flock; and that we weary not, to ask his continued favor.

Resolved, That the cause of orphans be heartily commended to our whole church — pastors, consistories, congregations and Sunday-schools.

The term of office of one of the members of this Board, that of Elder Jacob Rader, of Easton, has expired; and it is for this Synod, to fill the vacancy by election.

ELI KELLER, *Prest.*,
H. MOSSER, *Secy.*

Report of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES.

Reverend Fathers and Brethren:

In behalf of the Board of Directors of St. Paul's Orphan Home, we would respectfully submit to your body the following statement.

But first of all, we desire to render thanks to our Heavenly Father for the excellent health, we and our children have enjoyed during the past three years. His providence has been kind and merciful. No good thing has he withheld from us.

The average number of children in the Home, during the past three years, has been ninety-two, ranging from the age of three to eighteen years. One half of these have been orphans and half-orphans of the church ; the other half have been pay children. By this we mean such children as have been supported by father, mother, guardian or friend. We admit these into the Home, because we have accomodations for many more children than the church seems able to support. In this way we are doing a good missionary work. Most of these come to us with but little or no Christian training or education. When permitted to remain with us, however, a few years, a very great change is manifested in their lives. All such as well as our own church' children, who reach the age of from twelve to fourteen years, come into full membership with St. Paul's Reformed Church of Butler. This missionary work is done too, without any cost to the church. It even pays in dollars and cents, more than it costs, as from this source we derive a revenue sufficient to meet the current expenses of ten or twelve church orphans annually.

The moral and religious character of the children has been very good. Prayers are conducted every morning and evening in the chapel. All attend Sunday-school and preaching in the morning at St. Paul's Reformed Church, Butler. These services in connection with the every day religious life of the Home, lead the children at a proper age, with rarely an exception, to seek admission into full communion with the church. The present number of these is now twenty-one, most of whom are also members of the Christian Endeavor Society, and the Brotherhood of Andrew and Phillip, and always take their turn in leading the Twilight services.

Three weekly prayer-meetings have been conducted by the children in their reading rooms in the Home : one by the larger boys; one by the smaller boys, and one by the ~~g~~girls. These meetings are conducted by themselves, and are productive of much good, not only in making the government of the family

much easier, but also as training schools in which they become qualified for the afterwork of Christian man- and womanhood. A dozen or more of the boys are also members of the Boys' Brigade of the Y. M. C. A., and hold several prominent offices in the same.

Much attention has been given to the school. Two competent teachers are employed, who conduct it with as much efficiency as the common schools of our towns and cities. The furniture is of the best and the books and charts and other apparatus are fully up to the demand of the times.

Outside of school hours, all are required to do some work. The boys are taught to attend the stock, manage the dairy, garden, dress the lawns, and keep the walks in proper condition. The boys also do the mechanical work on the *Orphans' Friend*, a monthly periodical published in the interests of the Home. The girls are taught to do most of the kinds of work they will need in after life, such as house-keeping, cooking, baking, laundering, and sewing. Except the management and a few other departments, the girls do the entire work of the Home. This they do, not so much that the work may be done, as that they shall learn to keep their own house, when that time shall come.

The government of the Home remains, in every department, strictly parental, and its whole order is that of one common family.

For the several boys and girls that have left the Home during the past three years, we have secured good positions. We are glad to note that most of our graduates are now filling prominent places in society, and are making their mark well in life. We have now in the city of Pittsburg, quite a number of young men who are doing well in shops and stores, and are always present in their places in Grace Reformed Church.

It will be seen from the financial statement, that there is an indebtedness resting upon the Home of \$10,000.00, the greater part of which would have been paid had the church met the entire current expenses of her orphan children. Failing to do this, by at least \$1,000.00 annually, it became necessary to use the proceeds arising from the pay children, to meet this amount.

Finances.

RECEIPTS.

Received from churches and Sunday-schools.....	\$ 8,053.88
Received from pay children.....	12,879.38
From farm products	2,000.00
From all other sources	2,851.14
Total.....	<hr/> \$25,784.10

The above does not include \$1,316.35, bequest of Louis Shriner, of Tiffin, Ohio.

EXPENDITURES.

Current expenses.....	\$25,784.40
Indebtedness on loans	10,000.00
Invested endowment fund.....	7,316.35

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER, *Pres. of Board,*

P. C. PRUGH, *Supt.*

May 25th, 1896.

2. Report of Fort Wayne Orphans' Home.

Fathers and Brethren !

The Orphans Home at Fort Wayne, Ind., is the property of the three German Synods of the Reformed Church and its affairs are conducted by a Board elected by the Synods. The Home was started in the year 1883 without any funds whatever, but with strong faith in God's providence and in the liberality of His people. We have not been disappointed in either. The Lord has done great things for us, wherefore we are glad. The Church has responded nobly to our calls for financial help and furnished the means sufficient for the support of our large orphan family.

Since the opening of our Home 150 children were received and supported. They are well cared for both bodily and spiritually. At present 64 children are in the Home. The total receipts from 1883 to 1896 amount to over \$100,000. We have good substantial and spacious buildings and a farm of 157 acres connected with the Home. Our debts resting on the property amount to a little over \$6000.

The health of the children has been very good. For several years we had no occasion to call in the aid of a physician. The deportment of the children is commendable.

The children are trained in both languages, the German and English. For seven month they attend the public school. During summer vacation a parochial school is conducted in the Home. They receive careful catechetical instructions by the Superintendent Rev. J. Rettig.

Although the Home is the property of the German Synods and supported by them almost entirely, orphans from the whole church are received.

We are glad to report, that after several years of litigation the matter of the "Elizabeth Hauck Will case" has been finally settled by the decision of the Supreme Court of Ohio in favor of the will. The net amount, which the Home received was \$6189 also a farm of 107 acres situated in Wayne Co., Ohio. The expenses for court costs, attorney fees etc. amounted to \$2282.

We praise our heavenly father for His mercies and His manyfold blessings bestowed upon our Home, and the work of our hands. We acknowledge also very gratefully the liberality which the Church has shown for this most worthy cause. We recommend our Orphan Home, our whole Orphan family and Superintendent to the church and ask for the prayers and continued financial assistance of our beloved people for our Orphan Home.

In behalf of the Board

Respectfully submitted

JOHN BACHMANN, *President.*

Cincinnati, May 26. 1896.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS' HOMES.

The Standing Committee on Orphans' Homes, during the afternoon of the seventh day of the Sessions, submitted its Report which was received, and, together with the preceeding reports, was adopted. It is as follows :

Beloved Fathers and Brethren :

The following documents were placed in the hands of your Committee.

1. The Report of General Synods' Board of Directors of Orphan Homes, containing an abstract from the report of Rev. T.

M. Yundt, Superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home, at Womelsdorf, Pa.

2. A special paper from the same Board, asking for specific instruction concerning their duties towards the local Homes, and the manner in which they are to perform their duties.

3. The Report of the Directors of St. Pauls Orphans' Home at Butler, Pa.

4. The Report of the Directors of the Orphans' Home at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

All the Reports show the homes to be in a highly prosperous condition. The inmates are well cared for and receive the very best training, which it is possible to give under the circumstances. The institutions have set hours for study, work and worship. The Heidelberg catechism is taught in all the Homes ; morning and evening devotions are regularly conducted, which the inmates are obliged to attend. Their physical training, and health, is carefully attended to. In the three years past, not a single death has occurred or at least none has been reported. Ft. Wayne reports that it was even unnecessary to call in a physician.

Your Committee believes that the training, which the inmates of the various Homes receive is equal to that, which children receive in the most favored christian Homes. When the children graduate from the Homes, desirable positions are procured for them by the Superintendents, at least so far as this is possible.

Fort Wayne reports that in thirteen years of its existence, One Hundred Thousand Dollars has been contributed for buildings and current expenses. That during last year the courts decided a suit in its favor, whereby it obtained a farm of 107 acres and over \$6000 in cash. It has a debt of \$6000.

St. Pauls reports, that its debt amounts to \$10000. One half of its inmates are orphans, the other half are children whose keeping is paid for by friends or guardians.

The receipts and expenditures of this Home, during the last three years, amount to \$25,784.40. We have every reason to believe, that these Homes are all conducted, faithfully and wisely, for the best interests of immortal souls, and for the glory of God.

We further believe that the finances are carefully and economically administered.

Bethany contains 104 children—St. Pauls had an average of 93 during the past three years and Fort Wayne has at present 64, making a total of 261. It must be highly gratifying to the whole church, that these Homes are all in such a flourishing condition, and your Committee would commend them to the confidence and generous sympathy and liberality of the entire Church.

1. Your Committee would recommend that hereafter the local Boards should report annually to the General Board and that the General Board report triennially to the General Synod.

2. Resolved, that this Synod hereby expresses its devout gratitude to Almighty God, the Father of the fatherless, for the signal manner in which He has blessed the efforts of the Church, in founding and maintaining these several Orphanages ; for the liberality, which He has through the Spirit awakened in the hearts of the people, who have in generous sympathy been pouring steady streams of refreshment into the treasuries of these noble institutions.

3. Resolved, that General Synod hereby urges the Synods and Classes of the Church to challenge pastors and people for larger contributions, that more orphans may be cared for, and that especially liberal things may be devised at Christmas, whereby we may in a fitting way commemorate the coming of the great Shepherd, who through the instrumentality of the Orphanages still gathers the desolate lambs in his bosom.

4. Resolved, that the Charter for the government of the General Board, adopted several years ago, be published with the Minutes of this Synod, that the local Boards of the different Homes may understand the relations which they sustain to the General Board.

Respectfully submitted

JNO. W. STEINMETZ, *Chairman.*

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ORPHANS HOMES.

MEMBERS WHOSE TERM EXPIRES MAY 1899.

Rev. Eli Keller, D. D.,

Elder Horace Ankeney.

MEMBERS WHOSE TERM EXPIRES MAY 1902.

Rev. Henry Mosser, D. D.,

Elder Christian Gross.

MEMBER WHOSE TERM EXPIRES MAY 1905.

Elder Jacob Rader.

Officers of the Board.

REV. ELI KELLER, D. D., *President*, Zionsville, Pa.

REV. HENRY MOSSER, D. D., *Secretary*, Reading, Pa.

ELDER CHRISTIAN G. GROSS, *Treasurer*, 879 N. 41st St., Philadelphia, Pa.

IV. CHARTER OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR
ORPHANS HOMES IN THE REFORMED CHURCH.

Whereas, the General Synod of the Reformed Church, commonly called the German Reformed Church in the United States, at its late meeting held in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania in November one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, resolved as a church to enter upon the work of more systematically providing christian homes for poor orphan children ; and for this purpose has established a General Board of Directors, to whom its whole orphan home interest is committed and did elect five persons to be such a board and instructed them to obtain an act of incorporation. Therefore

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same ;

That John W. Nevin, George B. Russell, Charles Santee, Goldsborough S. Griffith, and Wm. E. Schmertz, and their successors in office are hereby constituted and incorporated to be a body politic in deed and in law, with perpetual succession, to be known under the style and title of the General Board of Directors for Orphan Homes in the Reformed Church ; and they are authorized and fully empowered to receive, hold in trust, and use for the purpose herein named, all moneys, goods, chattels, lands and other property, real, personal, or mixed, which may be set apart, subscribed, donated, devised, or bequeathed to the use of the general fund for Orphan Homes in the Reformed Church ; or for special purposes in the same interest, as for local or branch homes, which hold auxiliary relation to this General Board.

Section 2. That this General Board of Directors shall have

power to authorize the founding and organization of auxiliary or branch orphan homes, in different localities within the bounds of said General Synod, whose particular internal management shall each be under the immediate care and control of a local board of direction appointed by those representing the interest of such auxiliary homes. Provided. That every such local board shall hold auxiliary relation to the general board of directors, and the general form of its government be based on the ideas of the Christian Family and be ruled by the life and spirit of the Reformed Church as that flows from the Heidelberg Catechism ; nothing in this provision shall be construed so as to exclude from the benefits of such homes any destitute orphan no matter what may have been the religious faith of its parents.

Section 3. That this General Board of Directors, or the local board of any such branch home, shall have full power to receive destitute orphan children of the required age and character as provided in their by-laws, and to have them legally indentured to the institution by their proper guardians or friends ; and they are also authorized and empowered to indenture such of the orphans as shall have attained the proper age or have been in the institution the required time, to responsible persons with whom they may learn some useful trade or occupation for their self support in after life.

Section 4. The General Board of Directors shall submit to each regular meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Church a full report of their operations and conditions of their trust ; and the better to do this, each local board shall make annually, to this General Board, a full report of the condition of the particular institution under their charge.

Section 5. The General Board of Directors shall elect from its own members a president, a secretary, and a treasurer, whose term of office shall expire with each triennial meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Church : the treasurer shall give bonds in double the amount of money entrusted to his hands Provided ; This sum shall not be made to include the permanent funds invested by the direct authority of the General Board. All appropriations of funds not specially designated by the donors to particular uses, shall be made by order of the General Board.

Section 6. The term of office of the two members of this Board, whose names stand first on the list, shall expire each triennial meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Church ; and the said Synod shall elect the persons to become members of this General Board of Directors, and their names shall be entered on the roll of the Board, next after the name of those members remaining. No previous term of office shall prevent a re-election to membership on this Board, or otherwise ; and in case of vacancy occurring, by death, resignation, or otherwise, the unexpired term may be filled, till the next regular meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Church by appointment on the part of a majority of the remaining members of the Board ; and in case the said General Synod neglects or fails to elect persons to be members of this General Board of Directors, it shall be equivalent to a re-election of those members whose term, as above provided, would have expired.

Section 7. No misnomer shall defeat the intent in any gift, grant, devise, bequest, or subscription, to, or from said corporation ; nor shall the disorganization of said General Board of Directors at any time, by death, resignation, or vacancy caused in any other wise, whatsoever, of its numbers affect the validity of this charter, or work its forfeiture.

JAS. R. KELLEY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

D. FLEMING,
Speaker of the Senate.

Approved the Eleventh day of April Anno Domini on thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

A. G. CURTIN.

Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

HARRISBURG, NOVEMBER 23rd, A. D. 1861.

PENNSYLVANIA. ss.

I do hereby certify, that the foregoing and annexed is a full, true and correct copy of the original act of the General Synod, entitled "An act to incorporate the General Board of Directors for Orphans Homes in the Reformed Church" as the same remains on file in this office.

In testimony whereof, I have thereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Secretary's Office to be affixed, the day and year above written.

W. W. HAYS,
Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The Office of Deaconess.

On the Sixth day of the Sessions the following report was read by Dr. J. H. C. Roentgen and referred to a Special Committee of which Rev. Wilson F. More is chairman. It is as follows, to wit :

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES.

Beloved Fathers and Brethren.

Three years have elapsed since your honorable Body was assembled at Reading, Pa. Much can and did transpire in three years. There is a time for everything and to-day we rejoice, for we are able to speak and to report a new branch of Christian work within our Reformed Church : it is the work of Deaconesses.

As early as the meetings in the years 1875, 1878, 1881 as well as in 1893, General Synod considered the Cause of Deacons and Deaconesses. The office of Deaconess was a subject of special discussion. General Synod recognized the importance of this office as it existed in the Apostolic Church and was sanctioned by the Reformation in the XVI. century. At the request of two Classes, General Synod appointed a committee to report on the authorization and scope of the office of Deaconess, i. e. point out ways in which this scriptural institution might be brought to particular notice of the whole Church. It is not proper for us to pass judgment on the report, yet we are of the opinion that the points mentioned above have not received sufficient consideration and ought to be referred to a committee once more, in as much as the cause of Deaconess is beginning to be an important branch of our Church-Work.

Permit us now to pass a few remarks on the work of Deaconess as it has been established and carried on in Cleveland, O., under the direction of ministers and laymen of the Reformed Church.

After recognizing (in the year 1878 and later) the scriptural right and importance of the office of Deaconess, General Synod recommends this work of Christian charity to the most careful attention. In Cleveland, too, attention was directed to this cause. A society was organized in the year 1892, and in November

1893, the care for the sick was begun by a Deaconess called from Switzerland. In Februarp, 1894, a modest house was rented and three beds for sick were prepared. In the same year the society was incorporated as the “Verein für christliche Kranken- und Armenpflege.” All officers must be members of the Reformed Church. On the 20. September 1894 we removed to a larger house, where are 24 beds ; but this house will be vacated next autumn, since we have purchased a finely situated house for our cause. A hospital is connected with the Deaconess-Home. This hospital serves as a training school for the sisters and has won the highest recommendation. Six sisters are now engaged in hospital and private service.

Now it is our object that this work be made the work of the whole Reformed Church and the Deaconess-House in Cleveland the “Mutterhaus” of our Reformed Church. Thus something new has come in our Church within the last three years for which we need to be truly thankful unto God.

It may be for the interest of the cause itself as well as for the interest of General Synod, after having recognized the importance of this office as it existed in the apostolic times and was sanctioned by the Reformation of the XVI. Century, that your honorable Body declare, whether it is ready to introduce the same as a regular office in the Reformed Church as it has already been introduced by the Lutheran, Methodist and Scotch Presbyterian Churches.

We, therefore, recommend the following action to General Synod.

a. To appoint a committee to consider the question, whether we as the Reformed Church desire to recognize and introduce the office of Deaconess as a Church-office.

b. In case the committee report favorably, to instruct the committee to define the relation of a Deaconess to the Church, and to make a draft of general principles and rules.

c. General Synod may recommend to all the Classes and Congregations the support of the Deaconess House in Cleveland, O., by earnest prayer and free donations.

d. That General Synod recommend to all our daughters of the Reformed Church, who have the joyfulness and the qualifica-

tion for the office of Deaconess, to have their training and preparing for this work at the Deaconess-Home in Cleveland, O.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. C. ROENTGEN.

The introduction of the Office of Deaconess.

The 20th item, in the Report on the Minutes of English Classes, contains an Overture from Maryland Classis for the introduction of the office of Deaconess in our Congregations. The subject matter contained in the item with the foregoing report was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Wilson F. More, C. R. Ferner, M. G. J. Stern ; Elders : H. W. Tuechter and Jacob S. Sechler, who presented the following report, which was adopted. --

To the Reverend General Synod :

Early in its deliberations, it became apparent to your Committee that there is a difference of opinion as to the meaning and scope of the "office of deaconess." The overture which brought about the appointment of this committee calls for "a definite plan for the practical introduction of the office of deaconess in our congregations in accordance with the report adopted by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States during its sessions at Tiffin, O., May 21st. 1881."

This overture from Maryland Classis seems to contemplate an office *in the congregation*, similar in most respects and in other respects supplemental to our present deaconate.

The action of the Synod at Tiffin on the other hand, has to do more particularly with the work of the deaconess homes at Cincinnati, Dayton, Cleveland, Indianapolis and Buffalo, which institutions aim to fit women for special work under the direction of the church.

Your Committee is of the opinion that this latter is the phase of the work with which it mainly has to do.

Inasmuch as it appears that the deaconess homes have been doing a good work, and that the women who have been trained in these homes have honored the church by their devotion to the work of relieving the sick and suffering, we recommend

1st. That the Reformed Church recognize and introduce the office of deaconess as a church office.

2nd. That General Synod appoint a committee to define the relation of a deaconess and deaconess homes to the church. This committee is to report to the next General Synod.

3rd. That General Synod recommend to all the classes and consistories the work of deaconesses and request their earnest prayers and support for the cause and especially for institutions of this kind as stand in close relation with the Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted

WILSON F. MORE.

The Committee called for on the foregoing report to define the relation of a deaconess and of deaconess homes to the church consists of Revs. Wilson F. More, Dr. J. H. C. Röntgen, Dr. John Bachmann. Elders: H. W. Tuechter and Daniel Clenger who are to report to the next Triennial Synod.

The Society for the Relief of Ministers etc.

To the Reverend General Synod :

In compliance with the instructions of the Society, we the undersigned officers, respectfully lay before your venerable body the triennial Statement of the Treasurer of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed]Church in the United States" with the request :

1. That said statement be made a part of the printed Minutes of this Synod.

2. That this Synod request the Classes to make annual contributions to this society.

Respectfully submitted

REV. WM M. DEATRICK, D. D., President.

REV. T. FRANK HOFFMEIER, Secretary.

REV. SIMON S. MILLER, Treasurer.

A TRIENNIAL STATEMENT

OF THE TREASURER OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Giving the receipts and the expenditures from May 1st, 1893, to May 1st, 1896, also the financial condition of the Society and other matters of interest to the ministers of the Reformed Church.

Receipts from Collections.

Eastern Synod.		Pittsburgh Synod.	
Philadelphia	Classis.....	\$445.49	Westmoreland Classis.....\$270.77
Lebanon	"	341.00	Clarion " 195.00
East Penna	"	260.00	Allegheny " 155.84
Schuylkill	"	254.29	St. Pauls " 143.35
Tohickon	"	195.00	Somerset " 79.11
Lancaster	"	184.95	
West Susquehanna	"	159.72	
Lehigh	"	154.00	
East Susquehanna	"	138.31	
Wyoming	"	23.06	
		\$2155.92	\$844.07
Potomac Synod.		Ohio Synod.	
Gettysburg	Classis.....	\$575.19	Miami Classis.....\$197.25
Maryland	"	527.95	Tiffin " 15.00
Zions	"	293.11	Tuscarawas " 9.76
Juniata	"	195.00	East Ohio " 6.00
Virginia	"	170.00	
Mercersburg	"	149.89	
Carlisle	"	34.38	
		\$1945.52	\$228.01
Central Synod.		Central Synod.	
Erie	Classis.....	\$135.00	Erie Classis.....\$135.00
St. John's	"	3.50	St. John's " 3.50
			\$138.50
Synod of the Interior.			
Illinois	Classis.....	\$52.31	Illinois Classis.....\$52.31
Kansas	"	6.59	Kansas " 6.59
Iowa	"	3.25	Iowa " 3.25
Wichita	"	1.00	Wichita " 1.00
			\$63.15

Summary of Receipts.

Total, Eastern Synod.....	\$2155.92
" Potomac "	1945.52
" Pittsburgh "	844.07
" Ohio "	228.01
" Central "	138.50
" Interior "	63.15
	\$5375.17

From interest on investments \$447.81
From royalty on Church Hymnal 1865.07

From Pittsburgh Synod, special.....	850.00
From miscellaneous sources..	610.81
From Directory of Worship..	300.00
From Bequest.....	100.00
From Loans paid.....	3150.00
From cash in treasury May 1st, 1893.....	2806.79

Total amount of receipts...\$19,505.65

Expenditures.		
Eastern Synod 22 annuitants	\$2710 00	1896..... 2412 16
Potomac Synod 15 annuitants	2050.00	Total amt. of expenses.....\$19,505.65
Pittsburgh Synod 5 annuitants	1675.00	
Ohio Synod 8 annuitants	1035.00	
Interior Synod 1 annuitant.	50.00	
		Invested Fund.
51	\$7520 00	Real estate mortgages.....\$25,500.00
		Judgment bonds..... 7,500.00
		Rail Road stock..... 2,800.00
		Cash in Treasury May 1st
		1896..... 2,412.16
Fund by new investment.....	\$9100.00	
Expenses.....	473.49	Total amount of assets.....\$38,212 61
Cash in treasury, May 1st,		

The Society has, at this date, a membership of two hundred and ten life and ten annual members. Since the last meeting of the General Synod, the Society has gone forward quietly in its work of relief to the needy and has grown steadily in financial ability, thus enabling it to increase in amount its annual appropriations.

The privilege of membership in the Society extends to all ministers of the Reformed Church residing in any State or Territory of the United States. The terms of membership are for life members sixty-five dollars in one or more payments, and for annual members five dollars initiation fee and three dollars annual dues.

Benefactions of the Society are given only to those IN NEED and may be given

1. To disabled ministers, who are members.
2. To the widow of a deceased member.
3. To the widow of any deceased minister of the Reformed Church.

The officers of the Society as required by the charter are

REV. W. M. DEATRICK, D. D., *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.

REV. T. FRANK HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*, Middletown, Md.

REV. SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*, Mt. Pleasant, Md.

REV. E. R. ESCHBACH, D. D., Frederick, Md.

REV. J. H. HOFFHEINS, D. D., Martinsburg, W. Va.

Addressers.

A Special Committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. O. H. Strunck, Geo. W. Richards and N. H. Skyles, to whom were referred Overtures from Reading and West Susquehanna Classes,

requesting certain action in behalf of the Society for the Relief of Ministers etc , who presented the following report which was adopted.

Your Committee to whom were referred certain items in the Report on Minutes of English Classes, concerning the election of two delegates from each District Synod, to attend the annual meetings of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, would submit the following report : —

Whereas this Society is not under the jurisdiction of General Synod, and Synod accordingly is not in a position to send representative delegates, and,

Whereas, such delegates under present conditions, in the judgment of your Committee, would not so increase the efficiency of the Society as to warrant the expenses of the delegates, — therefore,

Be it resolved, That Synod appoint three Ministers, who are life-members of the Society, one from the Eastern, Pittsburgh and Central Synods respectively, as a Committee to attend the next annual Meeting of said Society and to confer with the Members, as to the feasibility of the formation of an organic Union between the Society and General Synod ; and that they are hereby authorized to prepare a plan of Ministerial relief for the entire church, to be submitted to the next Meeting of General Synod. The Committee consists of Revs. Drs. R. L. Gerhart, J. H. Stepler and Rev. D. A. Souders

The 11th. and 29th. items in the Report on Overtures were referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. Dr. Jno. H. Sechler, John W. Love, J. W. Meminger, and Elders H. R. Knecht, and E. Mackey, by whom the following report was submitted, which was adopted.

Your Committee, to whom was referred Item 11 and 29 in the Report on Overtures, begs leave to submit the following report :

Three papers were submitted to your Committee :

1. A communication from the Officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and widows of Ministers.
2. Triennial statement of the same society.

3. A Communication informing this Synod of the donation of a Home for Aged Ministers and Wives, and extending an invitation to the dedication of the Home.

The Society for the Relief of Ministers and Widows of Ministers is among the most worthy of the organized Charities of the Reformed Church in the United States, and merits the church's cordial sympathy, earnest prayers and substantial support.

We offer the following resolutions for your consideration :

Resolved, That this Synod commends the Society and its work, to the entire Reformed Church, and requests the Classes, and the Congregations and Consistories through the Classes, to make Contributions to the Society on or before Oct. 1st. of each year,—and further earnestly recommends to individuals possessed of ample means, that they make generous provision for the work of the Society, by bequests or otherwise.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to incorporate the Triennial Statement of the Society in the printed Copy of the proceedings of this Synod.

Resolved, That this General Synod has learned with devout gratitude to God, that Mrs. Linda Kaub, a member of Heidelberg Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa., has donated to the Society for the Relief of Ministers, a Home, located in Myers-town, Lebanon Co., Pa., to be known as the Daniel Stine Memorial Home, -- and most cordially recommends to our Congregations and individual members that they contribute funds for the endowment of this Home, by means of which funds the Home is to be maintained.

Resolved, That we hereby thankfully acknowledge the invitation to the formal dedication of the Home on Tuesday, June 9th., 1896, and trust that as many of our pastors and congregations as may be able to do so, will attend the dedicatory exercises.

Respectfully submitted,

Jno. H. SECHLER, *Chairman.*

Young People's Societies.

In response to 8th. item in the Report on Minutes of General Synod during Friday's Session the following report on Young People's Societies was read and adopted.

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Fathers and Brethren :—

During the Sessions of the Synod held in Reading, Pa., June 1893, it was your pleasure to appoint the undersigned a committee to whom was referred the whole matter with reference to the Society of Christian Endeavor, the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, and others, including the report of the Committee on the Brotherhood, and the action of the General Synod in Lebanon in 1890. It was our pleasure, as a Committee, to take the matter under careful consideration, and having done so, and having reached a unanimous conclusion as appears in the paper which we present as our report, we offer it in the hope that it will meet with the favor and approval of your reverend body.

It is but meet that we should first note the fact, that before the Committee was called together, one of our number, Elder William H. Schall, was called away, through death, to enter into rest. As an honored and efficient Elder in the Church, we could not but feel our loss as a Committee, in being deprived of his counselⁱⁿ determining the questions which were before us for solution and because of his decease his signature is not attached to this paper.

Yoar Committee held two meetings at which all the remaining members were present. The first was held, through the courtesy of Prof. J. C. Bowman in Room No. 3 of the Theological Seminary Building, Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 4th. and 5th. 1896 and running through three sessions. At this meeting the whole subject was canvassed, but no definite conclusion reached, so as to anable the committee to formulate a report for Synod.

A second and final meeting was held in the Lecture Room of Salem's Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Pa., through the kindness of the Pastor, Rev. Dr. E. N. Kremer, on Wednesday,

April 8th. At this meeting each member of the Committee offered a plan for the solution of the matter referred to us by the Synod. After a careful consideration of the several plans suggested, and a general discussion of the whole matter, late in the afternoon, the Committee unanimously agreed upon the following proposed action, which we herewith present to your reverend body, with the hope that it will commend itself to your judgment, as a satisfactory solution of the whole matter with reference to Young People's Societies within the bounds of our Church.

The action proposed, which the Chairman was instructed to embody in the report of the Committee, is as follows : —

Recognizing the fact, that in many of the congregations of our Church, Young People's Societies have been organized ; that they have done and still are doing, much good in the congregations and Communities in which they have been laboring ; and believing that the self-imposed law by which each Society works, under the oversight and direction of the pastor and consistory of the Congregation, large results have been realized ; and taking the past as a guarantee of what may be expected in the future ; and praying that the Great Head of the Church, through His Spirit may inspire and strengthen them to still greater things in the upbuilding of His kingdom and Church ; — therefore,

Resolved ; — That this General Synod heartily commends the efforts of the young people in their endeavor to develop piety, and devotion to their Church ; in making more effective our methods of Church work, and in opening and securing larger opportunities of usefulness to the people of our several congregations.

Resolved ; — That these Societies be requested to co-operate with the several Boards which now have in charge the educational and benevolent works of the Church.

Resolved ; — That a Standing Committee be appointed, at each meeting of the General Synod, as other Standing Committees are appointed and constituted, to whom all items and papers, having reference to this department of church work, be referred.

Resolved ; — That the attention of the several district Synods and Classes be directed to this action.

Respectfully submitted

J. A. HOFFHEINS.

E. D. WETTACH.

D. W. EBBERT.

H. MOSSER.

Committee.

ARTICLE XV.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Triennial Report of the Sunday School Board was read during the Session on Thursday and referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday Schools — except the item on vacancies, which was referred to Standing Committee on Nominations.

I. REPORT OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES.

Fathers and Brethren : —

Profoundly thankful for, and sensible of the blessings and guidance of God's Spirit upon the work accomplished the past three years, grateful for the confidence and co-operation of pastors, classes, and synods of the Church, and hopeful for greater results to follow, your Board respectfully presents its report.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

REV. C. CLEVER, D. D., *President*, Baltimore, Md.

REV. C. F. KRIETE, *Vice-President*, Louisville, Ky.

REV. D. B. LADY, D. D., *Recording Secretary*, Greenville, Pa.

REV. J. H. BOMBERGER, *Treasurer*, Columbiana, Ohio.

REV. RUFUS W. MILLER, *General Secretary*.

REV. C. S. GERHARD, D. D. REV. A. E. DAHLMANN.

REV. F. STRASSNER. REV. A. E. BAICHLY.

REV. C. U. HEILMAN, Dec'd.

In accordance with the action of the last General Synod Rev. Rufus W. Miller was elected as the first incumbent of the office of General Secretary. He entered upon his duties January 1, 1894, being publicly induced into office February 1, 1894, in the historic First Reformed Church, Philadelphia.

The Board and its Secretary in undertaking the more thorough organization of its work have felt the importance of going forward in accordance with the direct instructions of General Synod and the general principles and practices of Reformed Church polity. The minutes of the General Synod were studied, and the resolutions adopted by the first General Synod in 1863 for the guidance of its Sunday-school Board were made the methods of procedure for the development of the work. It may be well to state that the Sunday-school Board continued in existence until 1875, when it was resolved to discontinue temporarily because of the unfavorable conditions then existing in the church.

In 1887, at the re-establishment of the Board, certain action was taken, which was afterwards approved by the synods concerned and by the classes.

This action has given to the Board the general supervision and management of the Sunday-school interests of the church, the editorial preparation of Sunday-school literature for the entire church, and the preparation annually of a Christmas Service and a Children's Day Service, with special instructions to take the subject of Children's Day under its supervision.

PLAN OF SUPPORT.

In order to defray the necessary expenses, the Board was authorized to apportion at the rate of one cent per member annually upon all our schools for its work. Shortly after the meeting of the last General Synod, the Board sent a circular letter to all our pastors requesting a prompt compliance. The response was sufficiently generous to begin the work. But it was discovered that a question arose as to the constitutionality of this method of apportionment, and it was soon perceived that owing to conditions existing in many parts of the church with respect to union schools, etc., it would be impossible to make the apportionment a financial success. Then, too, the needs of the work

required a larger amount of money than could be raised by the entire apportionment. There was also a necessity of adopting such a plan of support as would cultivate the benevolent spirit in our schools, and arouse a greater interest in Sunday-school work, especially Sunday-school missions.

Accordingly a plan was adopted looking to the giving of definite and systematic free-will offerings. The Board decided to ask all our schools to make an annual offering for the support of the work on Children's Day, which offering should include the cent a Sunday-school member. At the same time the Board agreed to furnish, free of charge, copies of its Children's Day Service to all schools making such a contribution. The plan has been a great and blessed success. Churches, classes and synods have approved. And largely in this way the generous sum of \$8,751.77 has flowed into the Board's treasury the last two years; the offerings of this year are yet to be received.

It should be noted that by making this annual grant of Children's Day Services, the Board saves the church several thousand dollars each year; and many schools are enabled to observe Children's Day which otherwise could not do so. The services issued by the Board have been received with favor by schools outside of our own church, and the retail sales have helped to pay the cost of publication.

The total receipts of Children's Day offerings amount to about the retail price of the number of copies used. Hence virtually the general Sunday-school work, including Sunday-school missions, is supported by the profits of our publications; which profits, if the Board did not pursue this plan of support, would go almost wholly into the hands of music publishers, etc.

DUTIES OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

At the annual meeting of the Board June 26, 1894, a Constitution was adopted. This provides for an Executive Committee, an Editorial and Publication Committee, etc. The duties of the General Secretary are defined as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the Sunday-school Secretary to be the chief executive officer in all departments of the work and business of the Board. He shall receive all letters and other

communications addressed to the Board, and conduct all its correspondence for which no other special provision may have been made. He shall also prepare the Report of the Board for presentation to the General Synod. He shall attend the meetings of the Board, and whenever requested, or at any time he may think it desirable, of the Permanent Committees for the purpose of consultation and information.

It shall be his duty to present methods and plans to the Executive Committee to carry forward its work. He shall conduct all correspondence relative to the appointment of missionaries, and shall, after their appointment, establish and maintain regular and frequent correspondence with them in regard to their duties and their performance of them. He shall require from the missionaries regularly a full report of the work which has been done by them during the preceding month, including the distribution and sale of Lesson Helps, books, etc. He shall receive and engross the reports of the missionaries in a book kept for the purpose, keep accurate accounts of their pecuniary relations to the Board ; execute under the supervision of the Executive Committee, orders received from missionaries ; and report fully the state of the work and receipts and expenditures of money to the said Committee at each of its stated meetings. He shall also nominate to the same committee suitable missionaries, and shall at each stated meeting report to the committee all cases of delinquencies on the part of missionaries. He shall receive all applications for grants of literature, and shall correspond with the publishers in relation to the same.

He shall organize Sunday-schools and visit, on invitation of proper authorities, Sunday-schools and congregations, attend Classical and District Sunday-school Conventions, and the annual meetings of classes and synods, as far as practicable, and he shall also attend the meeting of the General Synod."

As illustrating to amount of the work done, as well as the importance and growing demands of the Board's operations, we give herewith a summary of the General Secretary's labors.

FIELD WORK.

The tabulated record of the field work performed since January 1, 1894, is as follows :

Number of Sunday-school addresses, etc.....	297
Number of sermons preached.....	113
Normal lessons, etc	40
Total number of addresses.....	450
Schools visited in session.....	75
Synods, boards, classes, conferences, S. S. conventions attended.....	63
Miles traveled.....	30,250

These visits were made in the bounds of the English Synods and two of the German Synods. Representatives of hundreds of our schools have been addressed by the secretary. There is a constant call upon the secretary to visit the churches, and it is evident that the field work of the Board has been greatly helpful and is appreciated. In connection with the Sunday-school mission work considerable traveling has been done. Fields have been explored and conferences held concerning the organization of schools.

THE OFFICE WORK.

The office work has been large. It involves correspondence with Synodical Boards, Classical Committees on Sunday-school work, church publishers, Sunday-school missionaries, pastors and hundreds of schools. The extent and usefulness of the executive office work is growing and is appreciated.

Reference to the Department of Publication will indicate the large quantity of literature handled.

Fully 5,200 letters have been sent out, and more than 12,000 sample copies Children's Day Services, circulars, etc. And some 5,600 letters have been received.

Another feature of the office work is the editorial labor. The General Secretary has written some ninety articles for church papers, has prepared eight pages of copy quarterly for the *Heidelberg Teacher*, and has issued leaflets, Home Department supplies, as well as prepared three Children's Day Services and one Christmas Service.

For convenience and system the work of the Board has been divided into four departments : Statistics, Missionary and Sunday-school Work, Instruction, and Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS.

The first General Synod directed its Sunday-school Board to report as to the number, character, and condition of Sunday-schools, etc., and this action has never been rescinded.

In view of this fact and because of the importance of and necessity for more accurate data respecting our schools, your Board, after conference with Synodical Boards, pastors and workers, prepared a statistical form, which has been extensively used in the last two years. The Ohio and Pittsburg Synods have adopted the form.

The Board has expressly stated that the form was for provisional and voluntary use simply. For the General Synod is alone competent to adopt a statistical form to be used by the entire church. Hence your Sunday-school Board would respectfully present herewith a Statistical Sunday-school Blank Form, and recommend, in view of the experience of the past two years, its adoption by your reverend body.

Reliable and full statistics are exceedingly important. Figures are facts ; and “facts are the finger of God.” They are a sociological study, and afford a proper basis for intelligent and well-directed effort to raise the standard and increase the efficiency of the work. They set forth also the needs. To know where to do it, and what ought to be done, is to economize time, force, and money.

The statistics at hand afford ground for encouragement. The gain in Sunday-school membership has been most marked.

For the year 1892 it was 459 scholars.

For the year 1893 it was 4,691 scholars, 1,245 officers and teachers.

For the year 1894 it was 8,516 scholars, 1,467 officers and teachers.

For the year 1895 it was 10,298 scholars, 4,065 officers and teachers.

While the net gain in number of church members has averaged for the last three years 4,580 per year. This result is due to the increased efforts of pastors and Sunday-school workers; and the Board rejoices to believe that in some measure it has given a helpful impulse.

As indicating the necessity for better things, and the possibilities for usefulness of the general work, certain facts with reference to statistics should be noted. Many of our schools have no separate Primary Department. Many schools report a small membership compared to the strength of the church membership. A considerable number do not use Reformed Lesson Helps. There are schools which give nothing for benevolence. The problem of the Union schools i. e., Lutheran and Reformed, is a perplexing one, deserving serious consideration. Over three hundred such schools are reported.

THE DEPARTMENT OF MISSIONARY AND SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

The work of this department has two main branches, (1.) Missionary, comprehending the organization and development of Sunday-schools in the strictly missionary field, and (2.) Educational, comprehending the elevation and improvement of Sunday-schools throughout our entire church.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL MISSION WORK.

The Board, by reason of the action of the General Synod, and the demands made upon it upon the part of the church, felt constrained to plan for and undertake Sunday-school mission work.

The Minutes of General Synod, 1890, p. 79, and the interpretation given the resolution at the meeting of General Synod, 1893, placed the responsibility upon the Board to take the initiative in this work. Accordingly, after several conferences with the Board of Home Missions, a plan of co-operation was unanimously agreed upon, which is herewith presented in Appendix B. And in view of the fact that our church in the West is widely scattered, the nearest congregations sometimes being more than one hundred miles distant from each other, thus making it difficult, if not impossible, to permanently organize new schools in small towns and country districts, and to place them under the

care of near-by churches as can be done in the eastern section of the church. In view, too, of the fact that there is great need for Sunday-schools in large cities, and that it is the present policy of the Home Mission Board to organize congregations in the centers of population, it was decided to concentrate our Sunday-school mission work in the West in the larger places. This plan does not permit of the organization of a large number of schools in a short time, but it means a sure growth, and ultimately a more effective and more rapid extension of the church.

The first Sunday-school missionary giving his entire time to the work was commissioned September 1, 1895. The appointment was made by the joint action of the Board of Home Missions and the Sunday-school Board. Rev. J. C. Horning, the appointee, has labored successfully and in every way his work proves the wisdom of the choice.

In the last three years five students have been employed, each for several months at a time, and the General Secretary has aided pastors in organizing schools. The total number of schools organized directly in this way, all of which received aid also by grants of literature, is eleven. By a plan of co-operation with our several church publishers, and by means of their generosity, the Board has cared for and assisted indirectly to organize thirty-eight schools under the terms of the Free Equipment offer. This offer gives to new and needy schools lesson helps and supplies free of charge for six months or a year.

In addition, the Board has made grants of Bibles, Home Department literature, etc., to some twenty schools. These sixty-nine schools are found in eleven states, viz.: Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, North Carolina, New York, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Colorado, Kansas. Five congregations have already been organized from the schools established by the Board, viz.: New Kensington, Pa., Warren, Youngstown, Springfield, Columbus, Ohio. Twenty-two schools are a part of regularly organized mission congregations, while the others are under the care of neighboring pastors and churches, Sunday-school Committees of Classes.

The publishers have furnished Sunday-school Lesson Helps to the retail value of \$511.47, as follows: Reformed Church

Publishing House, Philadelphia, \$172.22 ; Reformed Publishing Co., Dayton, Ohio, \$322.35 ; German Publishing House, Cleveland, Ohio, \$16.90.

It has not been possible to secure complete statistics of these Mission Schools, but from reports at hand, we find that the total membership amounts to more than 4,600, and fully 3,500 visits have been made to families. It would be interesting to present testimonies and incidents showing the value of this work, but want of space forbids. The simple fact of congregations organized and of several thousand children helped to study the Bible is evidence enough in favor of the work.

It may be expected that Sunday-school mission work will have a large growth during the next few years, as the plans of the work are coming to be understood, and as the Committees on Sunday-school Work in the various classes come to know the needs and opportunities of the field. Let it be understood that Sunday-school mission work means in its proper scope and development :

1. The organization of Sunday-schools in localities of our country destitute of the means of grace.
2. The upholding of weak and struggling mission schools in such localities.
3. Pioneer work in exploring a given field and preparing the way for the Home Missionary.
4. The distribution of Bibles, hymn books, books, tracts, lesson helps and papers to churches, Sunday-schools, families and individuals by grants and sales.
5. The visitation of families and individuals not reached by other Christian agencies.
6. Such other forms of evangelistic or ministerial work as grow naturally from, or are necessary to, Sunday-school missions.

LEADING PRINCIPLES OF THE WORK.

1. Its support comes from the offerings of Sunday-schools and the profits of publications. The offerings of "Children's Day" are the main source, thus the youth of the church are interested in Sunday-school extension.

2. Fidelity to the polity of the Reformed Church. Missionaries labor under the supervision of classes or their appropriate committee, and wherever practicable, new schools are placed under the care of the consistory of the nearest church.

3. A forerunner to the church, economical and practicable. The school organized always with a view to the regular church organization, or as an outpost and feeder to the neighboring church.

EDUCATIONAL WORK OF THIS DEPARTMENT.

This covers a wide range of effort. The work begun and to be developed may be summed up as follows :

1. The relation of the school to the church.
2. The United Movement and Rallying Day.
3. The Home Department.
4. Children's Day.
5. Systematic beneficence and interest in missions.
6. Normal Class Work, Sunday-school Conventions and Institutes.
7. Graded Supplemented Lessons.
8. The Heidelberg Catechism.
9. The Bible in Sunday-school.

1. The Relation of the Sunday-school to the Church.

The Board finds that there is need to agitate this subject. The theoretical aspect may be understood, but in practice the true relationship in many churches is not established. Our churches should be affectionately reminded that it belongs emphatically to the pastor and elders of each congregation to direct and supervise the work of the spiritual training of the young.

It is an important part of the functions of their office to secure the co-operation of all the competent members of the church in the Bible study and religious education of all children and youth and adults able to be reached. Pastors, consistories and classes must ever be the immediate and responsible agents of the Sunday-school. Classes ought to make inquiry to what extent pastors give oversight, counsel and encouragement to their schools, especially so-called "Union Schools." Classes should

see to it that the Sunday-school is not detached from its proper connection with the church and her authorities, assuming an independence which can not fail, in the end, to be injurious both to itself and the church.

2. *The United Movement and “Rallying Day.”*

The Board recognizing that our Sunday-school membership was disproportionately below the church membership, has persistently urged special efforts to increase the Sunday-school membership. A United Movement was proposed ; and it is gratifying to report that synods, classes, pastors, consistories and schools have taken up the work. A Sunday-school Motto, “All the Church in the Sunday-school, All the Sunday-school in the Church, All for Christ,” was suggested, and has been generally used. This embodies the right conception of the school, and gives an epitome of effort to be made.

A Roll of Honor has been used with good effect. The statistics show the unprecedented gains of the three years. We can well believe the agitation has just begun ; the church is arousing to the work. In connection with this idea, the suggestion was made to observe “Rallying Day” in the Fall. And last year many schools for the first time observed such a day to their great profit.

Would it not be well to connect “Rallying Day” with the United Movement? Let “Rallying Day” become a permanent institution, the beginning of an effort by our schools, which should last at least several weeks, for the in-gathering of neglected children and youth in their respective neighborhoods, and the enrollment of adult church members. Make the object two-fold —the formal gathering together after the summer holidays of teachers and scholars for the work of another season, and the systematic canvass of new scholars.

3. *“The Home Department.”*

This Department aims to provide Helps to Bible Study to adults and others who cannot attend the regular sessions of the school. Several Synods and Classical S. S. conventions have recommended the system now coming gradually into operation and

known by the above designation. This department is worthy of special consideration, because it links the home and the school more closely together, and is, therefore, in accord with Reformed Church educational ideas. Probably forty such departments have been established the last two years. These are located in all sections of the Church.

4. *“Children’s Day.”*

In accordance with the action of General Synod, the Board has prepared annually a Children’s Day service, published in English and German, and has given special attention to the united and proper observance of the Day. In no respect have the efforts of the Board been more appreciated and the results been more blessed to the quickening of spiritual life and the extension of the Kingdom. A large number of our schools now observe the Day, which formerly were indifferent. The educational value of Children’s Day is worthy of emphasis. It encourages loyalty, cultivates the benevolent and missionary spirit, it instructs, inspires and sets forth the identity of interest between the Church and the Sunday-school and the oneness of the Church.

5. *Systematic Beneficence and Interest in Missions.*

An important part of the work of Sunday-schools is to study the operations of the benevolent Boards of our Church and to practice the duty of systematic giving. Endeavor has been made to promote these objects by the circulation of the leaflet, “Suggestions for the improvement of our Sunday-schools,” and public addresses and articles. Here is an extensive and largely neglected field of effort. Definite efforts should be made to further a spirit of loyalty in our Sunday-schools toward all the Boards of our Church. Plans are maturing to train the children and the youth in systematic, regular, and proportionate giving.

6. *Normal Class Work, Sunday-school Conventions and Institutes.*

Encouragement has been given to the periodical holding of Sunday-school conventions and institutes. A considerable number of classes held conventions for the first time in the last two years. The General Secretary attended conventions, etc. as far as time and strength and attention to other duties would allow.

The Normal class should become a feature in every school. Teacher training has become a necessity which cannot be ignored. In close connection with this work is the plan of having

7. *Graded Supplemental Lessons.*

Diligent inquiry fails to reveal to any extent work of this kind in Reformed Sunday-schools. In some primary departments a little work is done, but the work needs to be extended so as to comprehend a regular system of graded instruction supplemental to the International Sunday-school lessons. Certain plans in reference to this have been adopted by the Board.

8. *“The Heidelberg Catechism.”*

Information has been sought concerning the use of the Heidelberg catechism, and it would appear that there is room for improvement in this respect. It is worthy of suggestion, whether in connection with the Graded Supplemental Lessons, the catechism could not be studied ; and also whether or not some plan of reward could be devised, say the giving a Bible to every scholar committing to memory the entire catechism.

THE BIBLE IN SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

The use of the Bible in the Sunday-school and the possession of a Bible of his own by every scholar has been emphasized with marked results. The Board rejoices to see the awakened interest on this subject. Bible study in the home and a copy of the Bible in the hands of the teacher and scholar is of first importance. Home training and home instruction possess far greater power in the building of character than the teaching of one hour a week in the Sunday-school. Parents must be urged to teach the Bible and also the catechism to their children at home. Agitation of this subject must be unceasing.

10. *The Department of Instruction.*

In the last three years our Lesson Helps have been enlarged by the addition of six pages to the *Scholar’s Quarterly*, and some twenty pages to the *Heidelberg Teacher*. The General Secretary edits eight Pages of the *Teacher*. This space contains Editorial notes, articles on Bible study, and Teacher’s Training, Book

notes, Sunday-school news, etc., and thus there is afforded a direct medium of intercourse between the Sunday-school workers of the Church. Six pages are now given to "Hints for Primary Teachers". The circulation of the Sunday-school literature has greatly increased the last few years.

DESIRABLE IMPROVEMENTS IN LESSON HELPS.

There is a pronounced sentiment in favor of desirable improvements in our Lesson Helps. Suggestions have come to the Board from all parts of the Church. While it is true, that the circulation of these helps is increasing, and improvements have been made, it is also true, there are many Reformed and Union schools, which fail to use them. Others using the literature, allege they do so from a sense of loyalty.

An advance must be made, if our publications are to increasingly occupy the field, meet competition, and compare favorably with the improvements made in the last few years in other denominational and private publications. The Board has nothing but words of commendation for the kind co-operation and cordial manner in which the publishers have agreed to changes. But their position is plain. It is impossible for them to add further to the expense of issuing the Lesson Helps, because the present circulation, each publication house having but a part, does not permit it. At the same time the Board, charged as it is, with the preparation and editing of the Sunday-school literature, must take the initiative in projecting improvements. The Board's plans contemplate such changes and additions as will give to the church graded Lesson Helps, excelling in the quantity and quality of its matter, with no additional cost to subscribers.

THE UNIFICATION OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS.

To do this the present plan of publishing two separate editions of Lesson Helps, involving a heavy and useless expense, must be changed. Your Board in view of these things and by reason of overtures, which have come to it, as well as by reason of overtures coming to your reverend body has been compelled to consider the question of a consolidation and unification of Sunday-school publications.

Conferences have been held with the publishers and the subject has been discussed with brethren in various sections of the church. As a result your Board records its conviction that the time is at hand for a unification of the publication interests, so far as they relate to Sunday-school literature. The matter is regarded favorably by many. The question has been considered in the light of the experience of other churches. And without a single exception it has been found that the churches which have consolidated and concentrated their Sunday-school publications under one control have largely increased the circulation of their helps, improved them, and have received financial profit from their sale.

To the question, "Has the General Synod authority to publish?" the reply can be made in the affirmative. The Constitution gives permission to District Synods to establish publication houses, and this is based on the presumption and right that the General Synod as the highest judicatory, reserves to itself, powers of publication.

In point of fact, the General Synod has from time to time, gone in the business of publication, as in the case of the Hymnal, the Directory of Worship, etc. Of course arrangements and leases existing in various parts of the church ought not to be disregarded. Your Board has made inquiry and finds that if the publication of Lesson Helps and Sunday-school papers, East and West, were controlled by the Board there would be an annual profit of at least \$2,000 and opportunity would be afforded for much to be desired improvements. Accordingly there is submitted herewith recommendations for your adoption. These recommendations embody the Board's plan for the consolidation of Sunday-school publications.

GERMAN LESSON HELPS.

In accordance with previous action your Board has co-operated with the German Board of Publication in aiding our German schools. The German Board has continued to publish its own Lesson Helps.

As a result of a conference with the German Board of Publication held at Cleveland, Ohio, January 29, 1896, it is pleasant

to report that a plan of co-operation for the enlargement of the work was unanimously adopted.

This plan provides for the use of matter prepared for our English Sunday-school Lesson Helps, grants of literature to German schools, and for the appointment of a Sunday-school editor of German Lesson Helps, who shall devote his entire time to the work. This editor shall also be known as the German Secretary of the Sunday-school Board. He shall, in co-operation with the Board and its General Secretary, act as the Field-Secretary in the German part of the church, and he shall labor for the extension and improvement of German schools. His salary is to be provided for by the German Board of Publication and by the Sunday-school Board. The German Board of Publication unites with the Sunday-school Board in asking for the approval of the General Synod in this important matter.

The adoption of this plan cannot fail to act helpfully in uniting our entire Reformed Church. It will cultivate loyalty, arouse enthusiasm, and lead to closer relations and practical uniformity in Reformed Sunday-school literature.

THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

Another possible field of enlargement and improvement in our Lesson Helps is by a plan of co-operation with the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in America. This Board does not publish Lesson Helps. Their General Synod has given expression to the desire to have Lesson Helps which shall embody the Heidelberg Catechism.

It is gratifying to report that by reason of sales of Children's Day services in that church, and as a result of private conferences, there is manifest a favorable attitude in reference to this subject. Accordingly your Board herewith submits a recommendation asking Synod's approval of this step in case our Sunday-school publications are consolidated.

Such co-operation cannot fail to cultivate the spirit of unity and to practically bring the two churches closer together.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Requests have come for the preparation of a Reformed Sunday-school Hymnal. This subject will doubtless be considered by your reverend body.

Attempts have been made in response to needs expressed to aid the primary department by the publication of Pease's "Books of the Bible," and by having our publishers unite in issuing Primary Picture Lesson Cards, but so far this has not been accomplished. In view of the importance of the work done in the primary grade, a majority of Sunday-school scholars never passing beyond it, and because outside publishers flood the church with inferior helps of this kind, the subject of better Primary Lesson Helps deserves special consideration.

"THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLICATION."

To this department there pertains the supervision of Sunday-school literature, including special services, leaflets, books for the library, normal lessons.

Our Board is not strictly a Board of Publication, but it is impossible to touch in any way its work without coming in contact with, and without using the products of the printing press.

The Board has published in the last three years :

	No. Copies.
3 Children's Day Services, (12,000 1-page leaflets, and 200,000 collection envelopes used also with the Service).....	261,000
1 Christmas Service, (issued by agreement of church publishers).....	54,800
8-page Leaflet, Suggestions for Improvement of Sunday-schools.....	15,000
4-page Leaflet, on "The Home Department".....	20,000
4 Leaflets, 4 pages each.....	6,300
6 Home Department Requisites.....	10,500
Pamphlets, 24 pages "Choice Hymns," for new scholars, etc.....	2,000
Report of Sunday-school Board, 24 pages.....	5,000
Statistical Sunday-school Blanks.....	4,000
Heidelberg Sunday-school Hand Book (donated).....	5,000
Pease's "Books of the Bible".....	1,000
4-page Leaflet on Valuable Sunday-school Publications.....	3,000
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This does not include some 14,000 one-page mimeograph circulars, etc.

In view of impending changes in the publication interests of our church, and because of growing demands made upon the Board for helpful Sunday-school literature, it is well to note the emphatic approval of the Board's action, in the large circulation of its publications. Equally important is it to note that in other denominations a prosperous publishing business as well as effective oversight of the general Sunday-school work has been developed by a Board of Publication, which has been at the same time a Sunday-school Board.

“ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.”

To the several Synodical Sunday-school Boards, to the Board of Home Missions and their several superintendents, special thanks are due for their untiring and most valuable co-operation.

To the Classical Committees on Sunday-school work which have faithfully aided in many ways the work of this Board, our grateful acknowledgments are rendered. To the Reformed Church Publication House, Philadelphia, and to the Reformed Publishing Co., Dayton, O., to the German Publishing House, Cleveland, O., Rev. Aug. Becker, Manager, as well as to the various church papers, the warmest thanks are due. They have greatly assisted the Board in its work.

“THE ATTITUDE OF THE BOARD.”

It is manifest that the general instructions given your Board by General Synod both at the time of establishment in 1863 and when it was reconstituted in 1887, have been susceptible of various interpretations.

Undoubtedly the work of the past three years has commended itself to the church. Nevertheless there has been a reasonable desire expressed to have the work of the Board carefully defined by the General Synod. The Board, therefore, respectfully submits a proposed form of Charter, and the Constitution which it has adopted for its guidance. And it suggests the consideration of an Amendment to the Constitution of the church somewhat as follows :

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution.

(Under the Article)

THE GENERAL SYNOD.

“The General Synod shall exercise supervision and management of the general interests of the Sunday-school work of the church, including the gathering of Sunday-school statistics, the improvement and extension of Reformed Sunday-schools, by a Board, elected and governed in their proceedings, in accordance with the provisions of their Charter.

This Board shall provide proper Sunday-school literature and co-operation with the Board of Home Missions shall carry forward the work of Sunday-school missions. At every triennial meeting of the General Synod, the Sunday-school Board shall submit for revision, a report of its operations during the last three years and a statement of its present condition.”

It would seem needless to add that the Board magnifies the authority and the responsibility of the classis, and of the pastor and consistory in the supervision, the growth and efficiency of the Sunday-school. According to our church polity the ecclesiastical unit is the individual church as an organization. The Sunday-school as related to Synod, is not an organism, but a vital part of an organism—the church.

The true source of authority, information and inspiration is the pastor and consistory of the organic church. These should foster the school. The method or medium of working is the school. Hence, your Board has adopted as its settled policy to seek information directly from pastors and consistories and, so far as possible, to give information through them. The Classis as exercising authority and fostering care over the individual Church has been urged to advance and guard these Sunday-school interests ; and to do this, as well as to enable the Board to assist them, the appointment of a Permanent Classical Committee on Sunday-school work has been asked for.

MORE BIBLE STUDENTS, BETTER SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

In conclusion, your Board is impressed with the need, the ability, and the opportunity before the church for more Bible stu-

dents and better Sunday-schools. A summary of the work accomplished presents a glorious incentive. The entire Church is united and is awakening to the supreme importance of Sunday-school work. The gain in Sunday-school membership and in the number of new schools has been the largest in our history. Sunday-school mission work has had a splendid beginning in organizing and assisting sixty-nine schools.

The classification and work of our schools have received increased attention. Schools have been graded, Home Departments organized, the Primary Department improved. Synods and Classes have given more time and attention to the Sunday-school work. A larger number of Classical Sunday-school conventions have been held than ever. The circulation of *Reformed Lesson Helps* has been steadily increasing. And there has been a united observance of "Children's Day," and enthusiasm in Reformed Church Sunday-school work most gratifying indeed. The work of the Board has been commended, and the financial support has been as generous as it has been unexpected and unprecedented in our church.

Henceforth no one should question the loyalty of Reformed schools.

They have signally shown their ability and willingness to respond to the voice of the church. This increased interest and activity shows the more plainly the great needs existing in the condition of many schools, and at the same time, also, the abounding opportunities.

Who can estimate or tabulate them? Millions of children yet to be reached, several hundred thousand in our church to be cared for spiritually. The Church that saves the children is the Church that saves the country. The throb of childhood is the pulse of the nation, the hope of the republic, the joy of humanity, the basis and example of the Christian faith, and the strength of the Kingdom of Heaven. The new era is upon us. Let the spirit of a great hopefulness take possession of us, just in proportion as we are in the presence of things dark and discouraging.

By all that is sacred in the responsibilities the Great Head of the Church has imposed upon us, in the salvation and care of

souls; by all that is solemn in the presence of unreached children and youth ; by all that is helpful and essential in a sound, pure Christian literature ; by all that is supremely valuable and of worth in intelligent Bible study; by all that is loyal among Reformed people as to their history, self-respect and ideas of educational religion ; by all this, the general Sunday-school work pleads for a recognition and support adequate to its needs and commensurate with its opportunities. Let the faith of the church make us watchful and obedient to the manifest leadings of the Holy Spirit, hopeful as to a future of inspiring possibilities as that before us, and ready and ardent to seize magnificent opportunities which the unfolding providences of God are thus placing within our reach.

With thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for His care and protection over the interests intrusted to us, and for the abundant blessings of His grace, and with hope that our work may redound to His glory, and keeping before us the command of the Lord to His officebearers when advance seemed impossible—"Speak unto the children of Israel ; that they go forward." (Ex. 14: 15.)

This report with the following recommendations for your action is
Repectfully submitted.

RUFUS W. MILLER,
General Secretary.

C. CLEVER,
President.

Recommendations.

1. The adoption of the appended Statistical Blank Form ; and the omission in present table of statistics of colums: "Sunday Schools, Officers and Teachers, Sunday-school Scholars."
2. We join in the recommendations made by the Board of Home Missions and Board of Foreign Missions for the publication of a monthly missionary newspaper.
3. The adoption of a resolution urging the cultivation of the spirit of benevolence in the Sunday-school, the regular and systematic giving to missions and other benevolent causes, and the

careful supervision by the pastor and consistory of the objects for which collections are made in the Sunday-school.

4. Approval of the plan of the board to increase the Sunday-school membership, and urging pastors and classes to make definite efforts to this end ; recognizing that the entire congregation, old and young, should be permanently connected with the Sunday-school, either as scholars or teachers.

5. The approval of the plan outlined by the Board to extend and improve our Sunday-school by securing in every Classis the appointment of a permanent committee on Sunday-school work, with a request to the Classes to provide such a committee and to assign to it definite work, including the preparation of accurate Sunday-school statistics.

6. Approval of the plan of co-operation of Sunday-school mission work, and urging Classes to enjoin upon all their schools to make an annual offering on Children's Day to the cause of Sunday-school missions and to the support of the Board.

7. Authority to secure a charter of incorporation, with approval of Constitution, form of charter appended.

8. Approval of plan of co-operation with German Board of Publication, including the appointment of the editor of *German Lesson Helps* as German Secretary of the Sunday-school Board.

9. Authority be given to the Board to publish the Sunday-school Lesson Helps, Sunday-school papers, and Sunday-school literature.

10. Request to the three Eastern Synods, at the termination of their existing lease to direct their Board of Publication to transfer their publishing rights, so far as they relate to the Sunday-school publications, to General Synod's Sunday-school Board.

11. As a consideration for the transfer of the Sunday-school publications, the Sunday-school Board to guarantee financial aid, if necessary, to an amount not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) annually to maintain the present standing of the *Reformed Church Messenger*, and *Reformed Quarterly Review* ; it being understood that these periodicals are to remain the property of, and to be managed by the three Eastern Synods ; and further

agreed that the Sunday-school Board will furnish at their Eastern office, proper office room for the editorial office of the *Messenger*; the cost of the same to be provided for, out of the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) guaranteed as above.

12. Authorize the Board to make an equitable arrangement with the Reformed Publishing Co., Dayton, Ohio, for the purchase, or transfer for a consideration, of their Sunday-school publications.

13. In the event of the transfer of Sunday-school publications to General Synod's Sunday-school Board, authority be given the Board to become incorporated under the name of Board of Publication and Sunday-school Work of General Synod of Reformed Church in the United States, and authority be given to enlarge the membership of the Board by the election of three laymen; all of whom are to live in the vicinity of the Eastern office. These men to constitute a Prudential Committee, to meet monthly with the business manager. At the next meeting of the General Synod the terms of these three members to expire; and thereafter they are to be elected by General Synod in the same manner, and for the same period of time as the other members of the Board.

14. In the event of the unification of the Sunday-school publications, authority be given to the Board to appoint one or more Editorial Lesson Writers from the Reformed Church in America with a view to effecting business relations with the Board of Publication of Reformed Church in America and the circulation of the Reformed Lesson Helps among the schools of that church.

15. In the event of the unification of Sunday-school publications, the Board be directed to set aside one-third of net profits of publications to the cause of an object of benevolence, to be determined by General Synod; one-third to Reserve Fund, for building purposes, and one-third to be used in the business.

16. The term of service of the following members of the Board expires with the meeting of synod: Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D., Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly, Rev. Charles Kriete, Rev. Conrad Clever, D. D., Rev. A. E. Dahlmann, and the vacancy caused by the death of the greatly useful and much lamented Rev. C. U.

Heilman is to be filled. Nominations for new members are to be distributed among the district synods in accordance with the rule adopted at General Synod, Akron, Ohio, printed minutes, p. 94-95.

17. We call the attention of synod to the fact that the Synod of the Interior was organized since 1887, and hence no provision has been made for representation of said synod on the Board. It is entitled to one representative.

Report of the Treasurer of the Sunday-School Board of General Synod.

REV. J. H. BOMBERGER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE S. S. BOARD OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, FROM JULY 24TH, 1893, TO MAY 1ST, 1896.

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To receipts from Children's Day offerings (approx.).....	\$6,500.00
To special collections, "cent-a-member" contributions, and sales of Secretary's Office, Brotherhood Pledges.....	2,251.77
	\$8,751.77

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By general expenses (including Children's Day printing, salaries and expenses S. S. missionaries, music for Children's Day services, Home Department supplies, etc., as per accompanying vouchers).....	\$2,593.63
By expenditures through Secretary's Office, as per accompanying "Statements".....	1,644.00
By amount paid General Secretary on salary account.....	2,800.00
By amount paid Brotherhood Missionary.....	150.00
By balance on hand.....	1,564.14
	\$8,751.77

Constitution

OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

I. This Board shall hold a regular triennial meeting for organization immediately after the meeting of the General Synod. An annual meeting of the Board shall be held on the last Tuesday of June, except the year the General Synod meets, when the annual meeting shall be held in connection with the meeting of

the General Synod. Special meetings may be called at any time by any two of the officers or by any three of the Board.

II. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

III. At the triennial meeting of the Board, a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and General Sunday-school Secretary shall be elected ; the following permanent committees shall be appointed :

1. An Executive Committee, which shall consist of the President and two members, and the Sunday-school Secretary *ex officio*. It shall be their duty to consider such measures as will tend to arouse a deeper interest in the Sunday-school work of the Reformed Church ; devise means to promote the organization of Sunday-schools and the wise and systematic instruction of the youth of the Church in the truths of God's Word ; receive and act upon all applications to appoint missionaries made through the Secretary ; and when missionaries are appointed to determine their fields of labor and fix their compensation ; the Committee shall have power to make grants of literature at their discretion, on all ordinary applications. It may authorize the Treasurer to pay such necessary current expenses as may be approved in writing by the Secretary. It shall lay the main emphasis upon Sunday-school work and the improvement and extension of Sunday-schools, provided no debt is incurred exceeding five hundred (\$500.00) dollars.

2. An Editorial and Publication Committee, which shall consist of three members. They shall be the medium through which the Board shall offer advice and suggestions to the book publishers and editors regarding Sunday-school publications. This committee shall receive regular reports from the editors and publishers ; it shall recommend to the Board matter for publication.

3. A committee of three on Normal Work and the use of the Catechism, whose duty it shall be to superintend the interests of this department, providing courses of study for the Sunday-school Normal classes, and in every possible way promoting the efficiency of our Sunday-schools in management and teaching and the systematic use of the Heidelberg catechism.

4. A Committee on Legacies, of three members, to whom all questions relating to bequests may be referred.

5. An Auditing Committee of two, who shall audit the reports of the treasurer ; and all bills contracted by the Board or its officers, when countersigned by the president, shall be paid by the treasurer.

IV. Each Permanent Committee shall keep a book of minutes, from which an account of their proceedings shall be read at each regular meeting of the Board.

V. It shall be the duty of the recording secretary to record the transactions of the Board, to give notice of all the meetings of the same, and to file and preserve all papers relating to the transactions of the Board.

VI. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all moneys collected for the Board, to make such payments as the Executive Committee, or the President of the Board may direct, and to preserve all financial reports and documents belonging to the Board.

VII. It shall be the duty of the Sunday-school secretary to be the chief executive officer in all departments of work and business of the Board. He shall receive all the letters and other communications addressed to the Board, and conduct all the correspondence for which no other special provision may have been made. He shall also prepare the report of the Board for presentation to the General Synod. He shall attend the meetings of the Board, and whenever requested, or at any time he may think it desirable, of the Permanent Committees for the purpose of consultation and information. It shall be his duty to present methods and plans to the Executive Committee to carry forward its work. He shall conduct all correspondence relative to the appointment of missionaries, and shall, after their appointment, establish and maintain regular and frequent correspondence with them in regard to their duties and their performance of them. He shall require from the missionaries regularly a full report of the work which has been done by them during the preceding month, including the distribution and sale of Lesson Helps, Books, etc. He shall receive and engross the reports of the missionaries in a book kept for the purpose, keep accurate accounts

of their pecuniary relations to the Board ; execute under the supervision of the Executive Committee, orders received from missionaries ; and fully report the state of the work, and receipts and expenditures of money, to the said committee at each of its stated meetings. He shall also nominate to the said committee suitable missionaries, and shall at each stated meeting report to the committee all cases of delinquencies on the part of missionaries. He shall receive all applications for grants of literature, and shall correspond with the publishers in relation to the same. He shall organize Sunday-schools, visit on invitation of proper authorities, Sunday-schools and Congregations ; attend Classical and District Sunday-school Conventions, and the annual meetings of Classes and Synods, as far as practicable, and he shall also attend the meeting of the General Synod.

VIII. The following shall be the order of business at each regular meeting of the Board :

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Calling of Roll.
3. Reading the minutes of the last meeting.
4. Unfinished business of the previous meeting.
5. Report of the Secretary.
6. Report of Treasurer.
7. Report of Permanent Committees (*i. e.*, Reading the minutes of the several committees, and action on business reported by them.)
8. Reports of Special Committees.
9. Miscellaneous Business.
10. Adjournment.

IX. These By-Laws may be suspended by a majority of the whole Board, or changed in the same way, provided notice of the change was given at a previous stated meeting.

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Report of the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools was presented during the afternoon session on Tuesday, acted on item by item, and finally adopted as a whole. The report is as follows, to wit :

Fathers and Brethren in Christ :

Your Committee on Sunday-schools would respectfully submit the following report :

We have carefully examined the elaborate and excellent report of General Synod's Sunday-school Board. We have also taken into consideration the numerous items, that were referred to us from the reports of the Synods and Classes presented to this body. A general survey of the work accomplished, as indicated in these reports, together with the auspicious opening of new avenues of usefulness, would lead us to record our devout thankfulness for the abundant blessing, that has awakened this new activity in Bible work.

The report of the Board, as presented in printed form, gives a comprehensive and detailed review of the work, and of plans for the future. Success has attended the advanced steps taken by the Board at the last sessions of General Synod. The general supervision of the Sunday-school work, entrusted to the Board, has proven a wise policy. But much of the efficiency of the plans has no doubt depended upon the General Secretary, Rev. Rufus W. Miller, who has so faithfully carried out the plans laid down by the Board and the instructions of General Synod.

In the service that has been rendered, and in the report of the Board, the answer may be found to the request that came from several parts of the church, namely to define the work of the Sunday-school Board and the mission of the General Secretary. This is our best answer. While we may tabulate the 30,-250 miles traveled, the Sunday-school addresses delivered, the Normal lessons taught, and the letters written, we may never be able to put into statistical blanks the influence of a personal presence, which this plan has brought into many parts of the church.

The work is presented in four departments : Statistics, Missions, Instruction, Publication.

Statistics have been perfected and numbers have increased with encouraging rapidity. Missions embrace live lines of effort: (a) organization, and (b) development by education.

According to Synod's instruction, given in 1893, the Board has adopted a plan of co-operation with Synod's Board of Home Missions. A part of this plan was the appointment of a Sunday-

school Missionary. To this office Rev. J. C. Horning was called and commissioned September 1, 1895. His labors have already been greatly blessed. His work proves the wisdom of the choice. Under the educational department, we have listed a wide range of labor. The relation of the Church and Sunday-school is defined, and the church is affectionately reminded, that it belongs emphatically to the pastor and elders of each congregation to direct and supervise the work of the spiritual training of the young.

The churches are urged by the experience and success of the past, to organize Home Departments, observe Children's day, and establish normal classes.

Under the head of Instruction, the Board reports the enlargement and improvement of Lesson Helps, and the circulation of much Sunday-school literature. But it is claimed, and possibly this is apparent to all, that to meet the competition and keep our own church literature in the schools of our own church, we must make progress in these matters. Constrained by the urgency of the case, the Board has been led to submit plans by which it is hoped to give to the church helps excelling in quality and quantity of matter, with no additional cost to subscribers. With a view of completing such plans, conferences have been held with the publishers of our Sunday-school literature.

It is claimed that satisfactory arrangements can be made to place the publication of these papers in the hands of the Board.

The Board assures us, after carefully reviewing the whole matter, that the time has come for the unification of the publication interests, so far as the Sunday-school literature is concerned. It deems such change wise in the light of the experience of other denominations. It also claims the constitutional right. Overtures, asking for this unification and improvement of Lesson Helps, have come from the Synod of the Interior and from the several Classes, namely Carlisle, Juniata, Miami, Tiffin, Mercersburg, Wyoming, Allegheny, and West Susquehanna. In view of these earnest demands, upon the basis as furnished in the report of the Board, we recommend the following action :

Item 1. Resolved, That we heartily approve the measures adopted by the Board in the furtherance of their work during the past, and that we urge our churches, through the Synods, to co-

operate as far as possible with General Synod's Board in carrying out the plans already adopted.

Item 2. Resolved, That we recommend for adoption the following carefully arranged recommendations of the Board.

a) Resolved, That we approve of the appended Statistical Blank Form (See Statistical Blank, page 181); and the omission in present table of statistics of columns: "Sunday Schools, Officers and Teachers, Sunday-school Scholars." (Statistical Blank.)

b) Resolved, That we join in the recommendations made by the Board of Home Missions and Board of Foreign Missions for the publication of a monthly missionary newspaper.

c) Resolved, That we adopt the resolution urging the cultivation of the spirit of benevolence in the Sunday-school, the regular and systematic giving to missions and other benevolent objects, and the careful supervision by the pastor and consistory of the objects for which collections are made in the Sunday-school.

d) Resolved, That we approve of the plan of the board to increase the Sunday-school membership, and urging pastors and classes to make definite efforts to this end; recognizing that the entire congregation, old and young, should be permanently connected so far as possible with the Sunday-school, either as scholars or teachers.

e) Resolved, That we approve of the plan outlined by the board to extend and improve our Sunday-school by securing in every Classis the appointment of a permanent committee on Sunday-school work, with a request to the Classes to provide such a committee and to assign to it definite work, including the preparation of accurate Sunday-school statistics.

f) Resolved, That we approve of the plan of co-operation of Sunday-school mission work, and urge Classes to request all their schools to make an annual offering on Children's Day to the cause of Sunday-school missions and to the support of the board.

g) Resolved, That authority be given to secure a charter of incorporation, with approval of Constitution form of charter appended. (See Charter and Constitution, pages 174, 175, 176 and 182).

h) Resolved, That we approve of the plan of co-operation with German Board of Publication, including the appointment of the editor of *German Lesson Helps* as German Secretary of the Sunday-school Board.

i) Resolved, That we recommend, that General Synod's Sunday-school Board be given full power to treat with the Reformed Church Publication Board, Philadelphia, Pa., and the Reformed Church Publishing Co., Dayton, Ohio, with respect to the publication of Sunday-school lessons, Sunday-school papers, and Sunday-school literature; and should satisfactory arrangements be made with said houses, it is further resolved, that the General Synod through its Sunday-school Board will thereafter publish its own Sunday-school periodicals.

Item 3. Resolved, That the question of an amendment to the constitution be referred to a special committee of five to report at the next General Synod.

Item 4. Resolved, That the Sunday-school Board be instructed to take such action as will secure the appointment of Dr. John S. Stahr as a member of the international Sunday-school lessons Committee.

Respectfully submitted

JAMES H. STEELE, *Chairman.*

The Committee called for in the third resolution consists of Revs. Dr. Geo. B. Russell, D. W. Ebbert, Elders F. G. Hobson, Esq., Jno. W. Bickel, Esq., and D. N. Schaeffer, Esq. On motion Synod instructed Rev. R. W. Miller to attend to the matter referred to in the fourth item.

In response to the items 9 and 21 in the report on Minutes of General Synod the President of the Sunday-school Board reported that Rev. Rufus W. Miller was elected General Sunday-school Secretary; also that the Sunday-school Board made an apportionment of one cent a member on the Sunday-schools. The response was sufficiently generous to begin the work. But, inasmuch as a question arose as to the constitutionality of the method of apportionments, the Board decided to ask all our Sunday-schools to make an annual offering for the support of the work on Children's Day, which offering should include the cent a Sunday-school member.

C. CLEVER, *President.*

III. THE ANNUAL REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

Approved by Consistory,.....
Secretary of Sunday-School,.....
Secretary.

PLEASE ANSWER EVERY QUESTION.

1. In filing columns for "Contributions" omit fractions of a dollar; place under heading "Other Benevolent Objects" all sums given by the school to other objects than to the benevolent denominational agencies.

2. This Blank when filled and returned to the Stated Clerk of Classis is to be handed by him to the Chairman of the Classical Committee on S. Z. Work, by whom its facts will be tabulated and forwarded to the Rev. Rufus W. Miller, the Sunday School Secretary.

IV. CHARTER PROPOSED BY GENERAL SYNOD S.-S. BOARD.

ARTICLE I. The name, style and title of the corporation shall be "The General Sunday School Board of the Reformed Church in the United States."

ARTICLE II. Its object shall be to gather Sunday-school statistics, to organize and assist new Sunday-schools, to extend and improve Reformed Sunday-schools, and to prepare and publish all such Sunday-school literature, as may be authorized and directed by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States and which shall be in accordance with the doctrines, customs and usages of said Church.

ARTICLE III. Its chief place of business shall be in the City of Reading, Pennsylvania, with a Western agency in the state of Ohio, but other places for the transaction of business may at any time be designated by the General Synod of the aforesaid Church.

ARTICLE IV. The existence of the corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE V. The names and residences of the subscribers are as follows: Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D., Reading, Pa.; Rev. D. B. Lady, D. D., Greenville, Pa.; Rev. Rufus W. Miller, Reading, Pa.; Rev. C. Clever, D. D., Baltimore, Md.; Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Columbiana, Ohio.

ARTICLE VI. The Board of Trustees who shall conduct the operations of the corporation shall consist of ten members who shall be elected by the General Synod.

ARTICLE VII. The Board of Trustees so elected shall have full power to adopt such constitution and by-laws for their government and for their work as they may deem best, and the same to alter and amend, from time to time, at their pleasure: *Provided*, The provisions thereof are not repugnant to the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of Pennsylvania, or the Constitution of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

V. SUNDAY-SCHOOL HYMNAL.

Item 2, in Minutes of Potomac Synod, and several items from East Pennsylvania and Kansas Classes, requesting the preparation of a Sunday-school Hymnal, were referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Dr. R. L. Gerhart, G. B. Walbert, Robt. E. Crum and Elders D. N. Schaeffer and W. A. Dromgold, who presented the following report on the eighth day of the sessions, which was adopted.

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES.

Three items were referred to your Committee on the Sunday-school Hymnal one from the East Pennsylvania Classis, requesting the preparation of a Hymnal containing a limited number of the choicest hymns accompanied by a series of services for the five festival seasons of the Church; another from the Kansas Classis requesting the publication of a Sunday-school Hymn book containing a portion of our best hymns of worship, with suitable music for main and primary departments, and forms for opening and closing services; a third, from the Potomac Synod simply asking for the preparation of a Sunday-school Hymnal.

It is evident from this that there is not only a demand in the church for a distinctly Reformed Sunday-school Hymnal, but that the demand is for a higher class of hymns and music than is now to be found in the ordinary Sunday-school Hymns and also for a Hymnal which will contain services for ordinary and special seasons of worship.

One of the special requisites of a Sunday-school Hymnal is that it should be of such size and general make-up that it can be sold for at a moderate price. Whether a suitable number of hymns for senior and primary departments together with music can be published at a price adapted to the needs of our schools, is a matter of doubt. In view of the demand, however, your committee recommends the adoption of the following action:

Resolved, That a Sunday-school Hymnal containing general and special services for use in our schools be published.

Resolved, That the preparation of the Sunday-school Hym-

nal be committed to the Sunday-school Board with instructions to submit said book in manuscript form to the next General Synod.

Respectfully submitted

R. LEIGHTON GERHART, *Chairman.*

VI. ELECTION OF BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

MEMBERS WHOSE TERM EXPIRES 1899.

Rev. David B. Lady, D. D.

Rev. Lewis Robb.

Rev. Frederick Strassner.

Rev. Rufus W. Miller.

Rev. John H. Bomberger.

MEMBERS WHOSE TERM EXPIRES 1902.

Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D.

Rev. Conrad Clever, D. D.

Rev. A. E. Baichly.

Rev. A. E. Dahlmann.

Rev. Chas. F. Kriete.

Rev. David H. Fouse.

Officers of the Board.

REV. CONRAD CLEVER, D. D., *President*, Baltimore, Md.

REV. C. F. KRIETE, *Vice President*, Louisville, Ky.

REV. DAVID B. LADY, D. D., *Recording Secretary*, Greenville, Pa.

REV. J. H. BOMBERGER, *Treasurer*, Columbiana, Ohio.

REV. RUFUS W. MILLER, *General Secretary*, Reading, Pa.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

BEAHLER APPEAL CASE VERSUS OHIO SYNOD.

The 7th and 8th items in the Report on the Minutes of the Ohio Synod, having reference to the appeals of John E. Beahler and Martin Connell were referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. M. O. Noll, Geo. S. Sorber and Elder R. H. Kramm. The following report was presented on Tuesday during the morning Session, and adopted.

Your committee, to whom were referred the appeals of John E. Beahler and Martin Connell against the action of the Ohio Synod, begs leave to report as follows:

1st. We have examined the appeal of John E. Beahler and find it in order. We recommend that the appeal be heard in the following order: First, that the paper be read; that the appellant

have ten minutes in opening, the defendant fifteen minutes to reply, and the appellant five minutes to close the case.

2d. We have examined the appeal of Martin Connett and find it in order, and we recommend that it be heard in the following order: First, that the papers be read, and that the appellant and defendant have each five minutes to present the argument and that the time for hearing the same be fixed on Wednesday at 10 A. M. When the hour for the trial of the case had arrived, certain papers were presented to Synod, wherein was contained the statement, that the respective parties concerned in the case, have made an amicable adjustment among themselves and have ordered the withdrawal of the appeals.

BACHMANN APPEAL CASE.

The 3rd item in the Report on the Minutes of the German Synod of the East, having reference to the appeal of Dr. Bachmann against the action of the aforesaid Synod, was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. M. G. J. Stern, F. Strassner and Elder J. S. Zimmerman, who presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee appointed to report on the appeal of Rev. M. Bachmann, D. D. from the decision of the German Synod of the East, accepting and recording the vote of German Maryland Classis on the revised Constitution as a rejection of the Constitution, respectfully reports as follows: Two documents were referred to your committee, and as far as these present the case and in accordance with Article 33 of our Constitution, we find that it is a complaint and as such is in order and in the disposal of the case we would recommend to your reverend body the following method of procedure:

1. That the papers be read.
2. That the complainant be allowed ten minutes in which to open the case.
3. That the defendant be allowed fifteen minutes to answer, and
4. That the complainant be allowed five minutes in which to close the argument.

We further recommend that the vote be then taken without debate.

We would suggest that your reverend body would make this case the order of the day on Wednesday, June 3, at 3 P. M.

M. G. I. STERN, *Chairman.*

At the time proposed in the report, the case was taken up for hearing. The papers concerning the complaint were read by the Cor. Secretary. The complainant was heard through its counsel, Rev. M. Bachmann, D. D., and Elder C. M. Boush, and the defendant was heard in reply by its counsel Rev. P. Vollmer, Ph. D. After the arguments of the counsel on both sides were heard, the Synod proceeded to vote in the case by yeas and nays, and the complaint was sustained, there being ninety-five votes in favor, and sixty-one against sustaining it, and one nonliquet, as follows:

YEAS. *Ministers:* Jno. F. DeLong, J. W. Mabry, Wilson F. More, Henry Hilbush, T. C. Leinbach, Dr. C. Cort, Dr. Jno. S. Stahr, J. C. Leinbach, Dr. R. L. Gerhart, A. A. Black, Geo. B. Walbert, Chas. S. Wieand, N. Z. Snyder, A. B. Koplin, Dr. S. G. Wagner, Thos. J. Hacker, G. W. Richards, Robt. O. Boyle, J. W. Steinmetz, R. Keller, L. B. C. Lahr, W. H. Shultz, Dr. John A. Peters, Dr. S. Z. Beam, H. A. Muehlmeier, F. Grether, Dr. M. G. I. Stern, H. C. Nott, A. Heinemann, I. G. Rees, Dr. C. R. Dieffenbacher, Dr. D. B. Lady, A. M. Keifer, Dr. A. E. Truxal, D. N. Harnish, A. S. Weber, Geo. A. Whitmore, Dr. J. S. Kieffer, Dr. E. R. Eschbach, I. N. Peightel, N. H. Skyles, Dr. J. A. Hoffheins, Jas. D. Andrew, J. M. Mickley, Dr. Thos. J. Barkley, M. O. Noll, L. Robb, J. M. Runkle, J. W. Pontius, J. F. Moyer, F. Strassner, Dr. J. Dahlmann, W. H. Fennemann, Dr. John Bachmann, J. W. Alspach, D. H. Fouse, H. S. Gekeler, Dr. Jno. W. Love, D. B. Shuey, D. A. Winter. — *Elders:* Jacob Rader, Howard R. Knecht, J. W. Bickel, E. H. Burkholder, J. J. Nissley, J. Rudy, J. I. Corbett, Reuben Riegner, W. W. Shely, W. J. Hess, G. W. Hartzel, A. P. Zellner, Geo. F. Bareis, J. P. Zimmerman, N. L. Brewer, Wm. Reinhart, F. Kalbfleisch, J. W. Brown, H. Schanze, C. A. Grauel, G. P. Frey, J. C. Barnhart, Jacob Baer, A. C. McCardell, Jacob H. Cost, J. F. Thomas, J. T. Brown, Jacob Heyser, Wm. A. Pence, C. Diehm, J. S. Zimmerman, H. W. Teuchter, J. Zollinger, J. P. Remsburg, W. A. Kifer. 95.

NAYS. *Ministers:* S. P. Mauger, J. B. Henry, Dr. J. H. Sechler, Dr. H. T. Spangler, D. W. Gerhard, Dr. E. N. Kremer, Jas. W. Meminger, O. H. Strunck, Geo. S. Sorber, D. E. Schoedler, Dr. C. S. Gerhard, Chas. E. Miller, Dr. M. Loucks, S. W. Seeman, E. R. Willard, Dr. S. C. Goss, J. H. Steele, Jno. D. Neff, Geo. H. Souder, A. B. Stoner, E. Vornholt, Dr. Jno. Kuelling, B. Ruf, J. Otto Vitz, H. W. Stienecker, C. R. Ferner, H. S. Garner, A. Spangler, F. C.

Yost, Dr. G. B. Russel, Dr. H. J. Ruetenik, F. Mayer, Dr. P. Greding, M. Noll, Dr. Jno. M. Kindig, Dr. C. Baum. — *Elders*: Jno. F. Reagle, F. G. Hobson, J. S. Sechler, J. E. Kerschner, D. Clinger, D. N. Schaeffer, B. Y. Shearer, B. Kuhns, V. P. Van Horne, Lewis Andrews, Jno. W. Keller, J. Rohrbaugh, L. C. Zechiel, John Buehrer, A. Stolte, H. Treick, W. G. King, W. A. Dromgold, John E. Roller, A. Hoke, J. A. Hartman, L. B. Kerr, H. Frech, Geo. Nehr, H. Marcus. 61.

A Report defining the Meaning of this Vote.

On motion, a committee was appointed to define the meaning of this vote, consisting of Revs. Dr. J. M. Kendig, C. S. Wied and and John W. Bickel, Esq. A report was presented during the morning on the eighth day of the sessions, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows:

Your committee, appointed to draft a declaration of the meaning of Synod's action in sustaining the complaint of Rev. M Bachmann, D. D., against the German Synod of the East, respectfully submit the following report, viz:

1st. That the effect of the Synod's action is to decide, that a tie-vote of Classis upon the adoption or rejection of an ordinance transmitted by Synod to Classis for its action is, that the Classis was unable to come to a decision, and shall therefore not be counted in computing the result of the vote upon the ordinance.

2d. That No. 15 of the Rules of Order, relative to tie-votes, does not govern in a vote upon an ordinance thus submitted, inasmuch as Article 81 of the Constitution of the Church, makes its own provision requiring definite action of Classis for approval or rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. KENDIG, *Chairman.*

APPEAL OF PHILADELPHIA CLASSIS FROM THE ACTION OF
EASTERN SYNOD.

The 2d item in the Report on the Minutes of the Eastern Synod having reference to the appeal of Philadelphia Classis from the action of the Eastern Synod, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. John W. Pontius, L. B. C. Lahr and Elder Lewis Andrews, who presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee, to which was referred item 2 of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Eastern Synod, viz, the appeal of the Philadelphia Classis from the action of the Eastern Synod, would report that they have examined the papers and date of the same, referred to them and that they find the appeal in order.

In view of this fact your committee would recommend that the appeal be heard in the following manner:

1. That the proper papers be read.
2. That the appellant be given fifteen minutes to open the case.
3. That the appellee be given twenty minutes.
4. That the appellant be given five minutes to close.
5. That the question, Shall the appeal be sustained? be submitted without debate.
6. That the hour for the hearing of the appeal be on Wednesday at 11 A. M. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. PONTIUS, *Chairman.*

At the hour appointed, the papers bearing on the appeal were read. The appellant was heard through its counsel Dr. Jno. H. Sechler and Elder F. G. Hobson, and the appellee was heard in reply by its counsel Rev. J. Calvin Leinbach. After the hearing of the arguments bearing on the case, Synod proceeded to vote by yeas and nays, and the appeal was sustained, there being ninety-five votes in favor and forty-five votes against sustaining it, and three non liquets, as follows:

YEAS. *Ministers:* S. P. Mauger, J. B. Henry, Dr. J. H. Sechler, Dr. H. T. Spangler, Dr. C. Cort, Dr. J. S. Stahr, D. W. Gerhard, Dr. E. N. Kremer, J. W. Meminger, D. W. Ebbert, Geo. S. Sorber, C. E. Miller, R. Keller, Dr. M. Loucks, L. B. C. Lahr, E. R. Williard, W. H. Shultz, Dr. S. C. Goss, J. H. Steele, J. D. Neff, Dr. S. Z. Beam, Dr. J. W. Keller, Geo. H. Souder, A. B. Stoner, E. Vornholt, Dr. John Kuelling, Dr. H. A. Muehlmeier, F. Grether, Dr. M. G. I. Stern, J. G. Rees, F. Huellhorst, W. F. Horstmeier, A. Heinemann, H. W. Stienecker, C. R. Ferner, D. N. Harnish, A. Spangler, F. C. Yost, A. S. Weber, H. Treick, Dr. J. S. Kieffer, I. N. Peightel, J. D. Andrew, J. M. Mickley, J. F. Moyer, W. Walenta, A. E. Dahlmann, Dr. F. W. Berlemann, P. Vollmer, Ph. D., M. Bachmann, C. Borchers, Dr. H. J. Ruetenik, F. Mayer, C. Baum, Dr. P. Greding, Dr. J. Dahlmann, W. H. Fennemann, Dr. Jno. M. Kendig, J. W. Alspach, S. Ream, D. H. Fouse. — *Elders:* Jacob Rader, J. W. Bickel, F. G. Hobson, Jacob S. Sechler, E. H. Burkholder, J. Rudy, J. E. Kerschner, B. Y. Shearer, V. P. Van Horne, Geo. F. Bareis, J. P. Zimmerman,

L. Andrew, J. Rohrbaugh, John Buchrer, A. Stolte, W. Reinhart, H. Treich, H. Marcus, J. W. Brown, H. Schanze, J. C. Barnhart, W. A. Drumgold, D. H. Weir, J. E. Roller, J. A. Hartman, John Lutz, Henry Berge, H. Kuhn, Jacob Maybach, A. Lange, C. Zies, C. Diehn, H. G. Schmidt, Geo. Nehr, John Zollinger. 94.

NAYS. *Ministers:* John F. DeLong, Wilson F. More, T. C. Leinbach, L. D. Steckel, J. C. Leinbach, Dr. R. L. Gerhart, G. B. Walbert, N. Z. Snyder, Dr. A. B. Koplin, O. H. Strunck, Dr. C. R. Dieffenbacher, Dr. D. B. Lady, A. M. Keiper, Dr. A. E. Truxal, H. S. Garner, Geo. A. Whitmore, Dr. E. R. Eschbach, N. H. Skyles, Dr. J. A. Hofheins, Dr. T. J. Barklay, M. O. No l, J. M. Runkle, J. W. Pontius, D. B. Shney. — *Elders:* H. R. Knecht, John F. Reagle, J. J. Nissley, R. Riegner, Wm. W. Shelley, M. J. Hess, Alvin P. Zellner, C. A. Granel, W. G. King, Jacob Baer, A. C. McCardell, J. H. Cost, J. F. Thomas, John F. Brown, Wm. A. Pence, A. Hoke, L. B. Kerr, John Brewster, J. W. Keifer, W. A. Kifer. 45.

NON LIQUET. — Rev. J. Otto Vitz, Lewis Robb, Dr. Jno. W. Love. 3.

APPEAL OF BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE MISSION-HOUSE.

The 8th item in the report on the Minutes of the Synod of North West, concerning the appeal of the Board of Visitors of the Mission House from the action of Synod, was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Dr. C. Baum, M. Bachmann, W. Walenta, Elders John Lutz and J. S. Zimmermann, who subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee on the appeal of Board of Visitors of the Mission House of Franklin, Wis., and the students Friedrich Brach und William Loos, against the action of the Synod of the North West, offer the following report: We have examined the documents in the case and finding the appeal in order, we recommend, 1st, that the papers pertaining to the appeal be read; 2d, as there are constitutional questions involved, each party be assigned thirty minutes to plead the case, with the privilege of dividing the time as may seem best, the appellant opening the case; 3d, after the close of the argument the vote shall be taken without debate; 4th, after the first case is decided, the second and third case shall be heard, and as the reasons for the appeal in both cases are substantially the same, they shall be presented in the following order:

The documents pertaining to the case shall first be read, then the argument in behalf of Friederich Brach shall be heard, and the vote taken without discussion. The consideration of the case of Wm. Loos shall follow immediately, proceeding in the same manner. The counsel in behalf of each party is to have fifteen minutes for pleading the case. We further recommend that the hearing of the appeal be made the order of the day on Wednesday evening after the decision of the appeal of Board of Visitors of the Mission House.

Respectfully submitted,

C. BAUM, *Chairman.*

On the evening of the eighth day of the sessions, the order of the day was the appeal of the Board of Visitors of the Mission House of Franklin, Wisconsin, versus the Synod of the North West. The records and papers in the case were read. The appellant was heard through its counsel Rev. A. E. Dahlmann, in support of the appeal; and the Synod of the North West was heard in reply by its counsel Rev. C. F. Kriete.

Synod then proceeded in calling the yeas and nays, and the result was that the appeal was sustained, there being 64 yeas to 52 nays, 2 non liquet and 5 excused.

YEAS. *Ministers:* Jno. F. DeLong, Wilson F. More, H. Hilbush, Dr. H. T. Spangler, Dr. Jno. S. Stahr, D. W. Gerhard, A. A. Black, Chas. S. Wieand, N. Z. Snyder, Dr. A. B. Koplin, Thos. J. Hacker, Jno. W. Steinmetz, R. Keller, L. B. C. Lahr, Dr. Jno. A. Peters, Geo. H. Sonder, Dr. John Kuelling, H. W. Stienecker, Dr. C. R. Dieffenbacher, D. B. Lady, D. N. Harnish, H. S. Garner, A. S. Weber, Dr. E. R. Eschbach, N. H. Skyles, Dr. Jno. A. Hoffheins, M. O. Noll, J. W. Pontius, Wentzel Walenta, Dr. Jos. A. Keller, Dr. Jno. Bachmann, Dr. Jno. M. Kendig. — *Elders:* Jacob Rader, H. R. Knecht, J. W. Bickel, Jno. J. Nissley, J. Rudy, Reuben Riegner, Wm. W. Schelly, M. J. Hess, B. Y. Shearer, Jno. W. Keller, Josiah Rohrbaugh, L. C. Zechiel, Geo. P. Frey, Jacob Baer, Prof. E. Mackey, W. A. Dromgold, J. H. Cost, J. T. Brown, Jacob Heyser, Wm. A. Pence, J. E. Roller, A. Hoke, J. A. Hartman, L. B. Kerr, Henry Berge, A. Lange, John S. Zimmerman, H. W. Tuechter, John Zollinger, J. Remsburg, W. A. Kifer. 64.

NAYS. *Ministers:* S. P. Manger, J. W. Mabry, W. F. More, F. C. Leinbach, Dr. J. H. Sechler, Dr. C. Cort, J. C. Leinbach, Dr. R. L. Gerhart, Dr. S. G. Wagner, Geo. W. Richards, D. W. Ebbert, Geo. S. Sorber, Chas. E. Miller, E. R. Williard, Wm. H. Shultz, James H. Steele, Jno. D. Neff, Dr. S. Z. Beam, A. B. Stoner, B. Ruf, Dr. M. G. I. Stern, A. Spangler, F. C. Yost, G. A. Whit-

more, I. N. Peightel, Dr. G. B. Russel, Jas. D. Andrew, Dr. T. J. Barkley, Dr. F. W. Berlemann, P. Vollmer, Ph. D., F. Mayer, Dr. C. Baum, Ferd. O. Zesch, J. W. Alspach, S. Ream, Dr. Jno. W. Love, D. A. Winter. — *Elders*: F. G. Hobson, Jacob S. Sechler, A. P. Zellner, D. Clinger, O. W. Cherrington, V. P. Van Horne, Geo. F. Bareis, Jno. P. Zimmerman, F. Kalbfleisch, W. G. King, F. Treich, Lewis Andrews, D. H. Weir, A. C. McCarell, J. F. Thomas, Carl Zies, H. G. Schmidt, J. W. Kiefer. 52.

NON LIQUET. Dr. P. Greding, M. Noll. 2.

EXCUSED. Dr. G. S. Gerhard, Dr. J. S. Kieffer, Dr. H. J. Ruetenik, D. B. Shney, J. B. Henry, and John Brewster. 6.

APPEAL OF FRIEDRICH BRACH VERSUS SYNOD OF NORTH WEST.

The appeal of Friedrich Brach against the action of the Synod of the North West was next in order. The papers pertaining to the case were read. The appellant was heard through its counsel Elder C. M. Boush in support of the appeal, and the appellee was heard in reply by its counsel Rev. H. C. Nott.

The Synod then proceeded to vote by calling the yeas and nays, and the appeal was not sustained, there being nineteen votes for and seventy-seven against sustaining it.

YEAS. *Ministers*: A. A. Black, C. E. Miller, Dr. M. Loucks, L. B. C. Lahr, Wm. H. Shultz, Samuel Z. Beam, A. B. Stoner, Dr. G. B. Russel, Dr. T. J. Barkley, P. Vollmer, Ph. D., F. Mayer, Dr. C. Baum, F. Strassner, Ferd. O. Zesch, J. W. Alspach, J. W. Love, D. A. Winter. — *Elders*: J. J. Nissley, C. Zies. 19.

NAYS. *Ministers*: John F. De Long, S. P. Mauger, J. W. Mabry, W. F. More, Dr. J. H. Sechler, Dr. C. Cort, D. W. Gerhard, J. C. Leinbach, Geo. B. Walbert, N. Z. Snyder, Dr. A. B. Koplin, Dr. S. G. Wagner, Thos. J. Hacker, G. W. Richards, R. O'Boyle, Jno. W. Steinmetz, R. Keller, E. R. Williard, Jno. D. Neff, Geo. H. Souder, Ed. Vornholt, Dr. M. G. J. Stern, H. W. Stienecker, Dr. C. R. Dieffenbacher, Dr. D. B. Lady, D. N. Harnish, Henry S. Garner, A. Spangler, Dr. J. S. Kieffer, Dr. E. R. Eschbach, I. N. Peightel, N. H. Skyles, Dr. J. A. Hoffheins, J. D. Andrew, M. O. Noll, W. Walenta, H. Frech, A. E. Dahlmann, Dr. F. W. Berlemann, C. Borchers, M. Noll, Dr. J. Dahlmann, Dr. John Bachmann, S. Ream, W. A. Kifer. — *Elders*: Jacob Rader, H. R. Knecht, J. S. Sechler, Reuben Riegner, M. J. Hess, A. P. Zellner, D. Clinger, O. W. Cherrington, B. Y. Shearer, Geo. F. Bareis, Jno. P. Zimmerman, L. Andrews, Jno. W. Keller, J. Rohrbaugh, L. C. Zechiel, J. W. Brown, J. C. Barnhart, Jacob Baer, E. Mackey, D. H. Weir, A. C. McCarell, J. H. Cost, J. F. Thomas, J. T. Brown, Jno. E. Roller, Abraham Hoke, J. Brewster, H. Berge, A. Lange, H. G. Schmidt, Jno. S. Zimmerman, H. W. Tuechter, J. W. Kiefer, W. A. Kifer. 77.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Inasmuch as both the evidence and argument are admitted by both sides to be the same in the case of Wm. Loos versus Synod of the North West, as in the case of Fred. Brach versus Synod of the North West, which has just been heard, and the opposing assenting thereto, therefore—It is Resolved, that the verdict in the Brach case is hereby declared to be Synod's verdict also in the Loos case.

A Report defining the meaning of Synod's action in sustaining the appeal of Board of Visitors of the Mission House.

On motion, a committee was appointed to define the meaning of the action of General Synod in sustaining the appeal of the Board of Visitors of the Mission House against the action of the Synod of the North West, consisting of Revs. Drs. Jno. H. Sechler, John W. Love and Elder F. G. Hobson, who presented the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee, appointed to define the meaning of the action of this General Synod in sustaining the appeal of the Board of Visitors of the Mission House, and of the action of General Synod in not sustaining the appeal of students Eriederich Brach and Wm. Loos, against the action of the Synod of the North West, begs leave to present the following:

1. This General Synod in sustaining the appeal of the Board of Visitors of the Mission House against the action of the Synod of the North West, in effect says, that the Synod of the North West erred in not sustaining the appeal of the Board of Visitors against the action of the Minnesota Classis, and that the appeal of the Board should have been sustained, because in the judgment of this General Synod, the young man against whom the Board complained, erred in his course of procedure.

2. This General Synod in not sustaining the appeal of the students Friederich Brach and Wm. Loos, against the action of the Synod of the North West, in effect says that the students were in error and deserving of censure.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. H. SECHLER, *Chairman.*

AN APPEAL FROM THE ACTION OF EASTERN SYNOD IN DISMISSING THE APPEAL OF CONSISTORY OF ST. STEPHENS CHURCH, POTTSTOWN, PA.

The 5th item in the Report on the Minutes of the Eastern Synod in regard to an appeal from the action of Eastern Synod concerning the dismissal of the appeal of the consistory of St. Stephen's Reformed Church, Pottstown, Pa., was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Robt. C. Bowling, J. W. Alspach and Elder John H. Shook, who presented the following report which was adopted:

Your committee, to whom was referred an appeal and complaint from the action of the Eastern Synod in dismissing the appeal of the consistory of St. Stephen's Church, Pottstown, Pa., would report, that they find the appeal in order, and would suggest that Thursday at 10 A. M. the case be heard in the following order:

- 1st. That the papers in the case be read.
- 2d. That the complainant have twenty minutes to open the case.
- 3d. That the respondent have his full time twenty-five minutes to reply.

4th. That the complainant have five minutes to close.

Immediately after the complainant and respondent have been heard, the Synod shall, without debate, proceed to vote by calling the roll.

Respectfully submitted

ROBERT C. BOWLING, *Chairman.*

At the time designated as the order of the day, the appellant (the consistory of St. Stephen's Reformed Church, Pottstown, Pa.,) was heard through its counsel Rev. Dr. J. H. Sechler and Elder Hobson, and the appellee (the Eastern Synod) was heard in reply by its counsel Rev. Dr. C. S. Gerhard and E. N. Kremer. The Synod after hearing the argument in the case, proceeded to vote by calling the yeas and nays and the appeal was not sustained there being only 24 votes in favor and 74 votes against sustaining the appeal and 4 non liquet.

YEAS. *Ministers:* Dr. C. Cort, Geo. S. Sorber, Dr. M. Loucks, Wm. H. Shultz, John H. Steele, E. Vornholt, Frank Grether, H. C. Nott, F. C. Yost,

J. D. Andrew, H. J. Ruetenik, Dr. J. Dahlmann, F. O. Zesch, Dr. J. Bachmann, S. Ream, A. Spangler, J. M. Runkle. — *Elders*: J. W. Bickel, Jacob S. Sechler, Ed. J. Williamson, C. M. Boush, D. H. Weir, H. W. Tnechter, G. Diehm. 24.

NAYS. *Ministers*: John F. De Long, S. P. Mauger, Jas. W. Mabry, T. C. Leinbach, Dr. R. L. Gerhart, A. A. Black, Dr. S. G. Wagner, John W. Steinmetz, E. R. Williard, John D. Neff, Dr. S. Z. Beam, Geo. H. Souder, Dr. J. Kuelling, Dr. H. A. Muehlmeier, Dr. M. G. I. Stern, Fred Kalbfleisch, J. Otto Vitz, F. Huellhorst, Wm. F. Horstmeier, H. W. Stienecker, Dr. C. R. Dieffenbacher, Dr. D. B. Lady, D. N. Harnish, A. S. Weber, Geo. A. Whitmore, Dr. J. S. Kieffer, Dr. E. R. Eschbach, I. N. Peightel, Dr. Geo. B. Russel, N. H. Skyles, Dr. J. H. Hoffheins, Dr. T. J. Barkley, M. O. Noll, Lewis Robb, John W. Pontius, John F. Moyer, A. E. Dahlmann, Dr. F. W. Berlemann, Dr. M. Bachmann, C. Borchers, F. Mayer, F. Strassner, Dr. J. M. Kendig, H. S. Geckeler, D. B. Shuey. — *Elders*: Jacob Rader, H. R. Knecht, M. J. Hess, B. Y. Shearer, Geo. F. Bareis, Jacob P. Zimmermann, Lewis Andrews, John W. Keller, John Buehrer, Wm. Reinhart, H. Marcus, John W. Brown, W. G. King, J. C. Barnhart, Jacob Baer, E. Mackey, A. C. McCarell, J. H. Cost, J. F. Thomas, John T. Brown, Wm. A. Pence, Chas. Weirich, John Brewster, Henry Berge, Carl Zies, H. G. Schmidt, J. S. Zimmerman, John Zollinger, J. W. Kiefer, W. A. Kifer. 74.

NON LIQUET. Wilson F. More, Dr. P. Greding, M. Noll, Dr. J. Dahlmann. 4.

APPEAL OF GOSHENHOPPEN CLASSIS VERSUS GERMAN SYNOD
OF THE EAST.

The 4th item in the Report on the Minutes of the German Synod of the East, in regard to an appeal of the Goshenhoppen Classis against the German Synod of the East was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Drs. Geo. B. Russell, C. Baum, and Elder J. W. Kieffer, who presented the following report which was adopted.

In accordance with the instructions of the General Synod, the appeal is reported as in order.

1. We recommend that it be heard on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

2. That each side be allowed 30 minutes to be used as they may agree, not including the time allowed the parties in the reading of the papers.

3. That the General Synod then proceed without debate to vote.

Respectfully submitted

GEO. B. RUSSELL, *Chairman.*

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the appellant (Goshenhoppen Classis) was heard through its counsel Revs. C. S. Wieand and G. B. Walbert in support of the appeal, and the appellee (the German Synod of the East) was heard in reply by its counsel Revs. Dr. Ph. Vollmer and Dr. F. W. Berlemann. After hearing the argument the Synod proceeded to vote in the case by calling the yeas and nays, and the appeal was not sustained, there being only 50 votes in favor and 73 votes against sustaining it, and 2 non liquets, as follows :

YEAS. *Ministers*: John F. De Long, Wilson F. More, Thos. C. Leinbach, Dr. C. Cort, D. W. Gerhard, Dr. E. N. Kremer, L. D. Steckel, J. C. Leinbach, Dr. R. L. Gerhart, A. A. Black, Dr. A. B. Koplin, Dr. S. G. Wagner, Geo. W. Richards, Robt. O. Boyle, John W. Steinmetz, L. B. C. Lahr, Dr. C. R. Dieffenbacher, Dr. D. B. Lady, Dr. A. E. Truxal, D. N. Harnish, Henry S. Garner, A. S. Weber, Geo. A. Whitmore, Dr. J. S. Kieffer, Dr. E. R. Eschbach, I. N. Peightel, N. H. Skyles, Dr. John A. Hoffheins, Dr. T. J. Barkley, M. O. Noll, Lewis Robb, John W. Pontius, J. F. Meyer, D. B. Shuey. — *Elders*: Howard R. Knecht, Wm. W. Shelly, M. J. Hess, Geo. F. Bareis, J. C. Barnhart, Prof. E. Mackey, A. C. McCarell, J. H. Cost, J. Fenton Thomas, John T. Brown, Wm. A. Pence, Chas. Weirich, John Brewster, H. G. Schmidt, John Zollinger, Joshua P. Remsberg. 50.

NAYS. *Ministers*: S. P. Manger, J. W. Mabry, J. B. Henry, Dr. John H. Sechler, Dr. H. T. Spangler, Jas. W. Meminger, D. W. Ebbert, Geo. S. Sorber, Dr. C. S. Gerhard, C. H. Miller, R. Keller, Dr. M. Loucks, E. R. Williard, Wm. H. Shultz, Jas. H. Steele, John D. Neff, Dr. S. Z. Beam, Geo. H. Souder, Ed. Vornholt, Dr. J. Kuelling, Dr. H. A. Muehlmeier, Frank Grether, Dr. M. G. I. Stern, F. Kalbfleisch, J. G. Rees, H. C. Nott, J. Otto Vitz, F. Huellhorst, Wm. F. Horstmeier, H. W. Stienecker, A. Spangler, Francis C. Yost, Dr. G. B. Russell, Jas. D. Andrew, H. Frech, F. Mayer, Dr. C. Baum, Dr. P. Greding, M. Noll, F. Strassner, Dr. J. Dahlmann, F. O. Zesch, Ph. D., Dr. J. Bachmann, Dr. John M. Kendig, S. Ream. — *Elders*: F. G. Hobson, J. S. Sechler, John J. Nissley, D. Clinger, O. W. Cherrington, B. Y. Shearer, B. Kuhns, V. P. Van Horne, J. P. Zimmerman, Lewis Andrews, J. W. Keller, L. C. Zechiel, J. Buehrer, A. Stolte, W. Reinhardt, H. Marcus, John W. Brown, Wm. G. King, C. M. Boush, D. H. Weir, A. Hoke, H. Kuhn, Jacob Maybach, C. Diehm, John S. Zimmerman, H. W. Tuechter, W. A. Kifer. 73.

NON LIQUET. A. B. Stoner, H. S. Gekeler. 2.

A Report defining the Action of Synod.

On motion a committee was appointed to give a definition of the action of Synod in not sustaining the appeal of Goshenhoppen Classis against the action of the German Synod of the East.

The committee consists of Revs. Dr. S. G. Wagner, Henry Frech and Elder C. M. Boush, who presented the following report, which was adopted.

Your committee, appointed to define the meaning of the decision of this General Synod in the case of the appeal of the Classis of Goshenhoppen from the decision of the German Synod of the East, in sustaining the action of the German Philadelphia Classis in organizing a congregation within the bounds of the Classis of Goshenhoppen, would beg leave to report, —

That the evident interpretation of this conclusion is, that in view of the action of this Synod, in defining the geographical boundaries of the German Classis of the State of Pennsylvania, it is the judgment of this body, that in the action charged against it, the German Classis of Philadelphia did not transgress against any constitutional law, nor trespass on any territory, which was not her own, according to defined rights as well as that of Goshenhoppen Classis. Respectfully submitted

S. G. WAGNER, *Chairman.*

THE BATES APPEAL CASE VERSUS PITTSBURG SYNOD.

The 4th item in the report on Minutes of Pittsburg Synod with other papers, pertaining to the Bates Appeal Case, were referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. J. M. Mickley, H. Hilbush and Elder M. J. Hess, who presented the following report, which was adopted.

Your committee to whom were submitted certain papers including item 4 in the report on Minutes of Pittsburg Synod, pertaining to the appeal of Rev. W. H. Bates, respectfully report the following, namely:

We have examined the record and documents, referring to this case, and find the appeal in order. We recommend accordingly, that the parties to the appeal be heard ; and after the reading of the papers, each side be allowed 15 minutes in which to present their case: first, the appellant 10 minutes ; then the appellee, and again the appellant 5 minutes to close the argument; after which Synod shall vote on the question without further dis-

cussion. We also recommend that this appeal be made the order of the day on Thursday (June 4th) at 2.30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. MICKLEY, *Chairman.*

At the appointed hour the papers and documents pertaining to the appeal were read. The appellant (Rev W. H. Bates) was heard through his counsel, Rev. Dr. Jno. H. Sechler, and the appelele (Pittsburg Synod) was heard in reply by its counsel Rev. Dr. Dieffenbacher and Elder C. M. Boush.

After hearing the argument Synod proceeded to vote in the case by calling the yeas and nays, and the appeal was not sustained there being 18 yeas to 92 nays, 1 non liquet, and 4 excused, as follows:

YEAS. *Ministers*: Dr. John H. Sechler, L. D. Steckel, N. Z. Snyder, J. H. Steele, A. B. Stoner, J. Otto Vitz, A. E. Dahlmann, P. Vollmer, Ph. D., Dr. J. Dahlmann, F. O. Zesch, Ph. D., H. S. Gekeler, Dr. J. W. Love. — *Elders*: F. G. Hobson, J. S. Sechler, H. W. Tuechter, W. A. Kifer, J. F. Thomas, I. G. Barnhart. 18.

NAYS. *Ministers*: S. P. Manger, W. F. More, T. C. Leinbach, Dr. H. T. Spangler, Dr. C. Cort, D. W. Gerhard, Dr. E. N. Kremer, J. C. Leinbach, A. A. Black, Geo. B. Walbert, Chas. S. Wieand, Dr. A. B. Koplin, Dr. S. G. Wagner, Thos. J. Hacker, Geo. W. Richards, Robt. O. Boyle, John W. Steinmetz, Dr. M. Loucks, E. R. Williard, Wm. H. Shultz, John D. Neff, Dr. S. Z. Beam, Geo. H. Souder, E. Vornholt, B. Ruf, Dr. H. A. Muehlmeier, F. Grether, Dr. M. G. I. Stern, F. Kalbfleisch, H. C. Nott, F. Huellhorst, Wm. F. Horstmeier, H. W. Stienecker, Dr. D. B. Lady, A. Spangler, Geo. Whitmore, Dr. J. S. Kieffer, Dr. E. R. Eschbach, I. N. Peightel, Dr. G. B. Russell, N. H. Skyles, Dr. Thos. J. Barkley, M. O. Noll, L. Robb, J. W. Pontius, John F. Moyer, W. Walenta, Henry Frech, Dr. M. Bachmann, F. Mayer, Dr. P. Greding, M. Noll, Dr. John M. Kendig, J. W. Alspach, S. Ream, D. B. Shuey, D. A. Winter. — *Elders*: H. R. Knecht, J. W. Bickel, J. J. Nissley, M. J. Hess, O. W. Cherrington, B. Y. Shearer, B. Kuhns, Ed. J. Williamson, J. P. Zimmermann, Lewis Andrews, John W. Keller, L. C. Zechiel, A. Stolte, W. Reinhardt, H. Marcus, John W. Brown, Jacob Baer, Prof. E. Mackey, D. W. Weir, A. C. McCardell, J. H. Cost, J. hn T. Brown, Wm. A. Pence, Abram Hoke, J. A. Hartman, Chas. Weirich, H. Berge, J. Maybach, A. Lange, C. Diehm, H. G. Schmidt, John S. Zimmermann, John Zollinger, Joshua P. Remsberg. 92.

EXCUSED. Dr. R. L. Gerhart, Dr. C. S. Gerhard, C. Borchers, and Elder C. M. Boush. 4.

NON LIQUIT. R. Keller. 1.

COURT OF APPEAL.

The following resolutions, having reference to the formation of a Court of Appeal were presented to Synod and adopted.

Whereas, the number of appeals and complaints coming before the General Synod for adjudication, has become so great as to consume much valuable time, which might and ought to be given to other important interests,

And whereas only a few of the members of Synod are qualified to sit in judgment on matters often requiring a large degree of legal knowledge, therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod appoint a committee of five members, with instructions to formulate an amendment to the constitution, providing for a court of appeal, to which shall be referred all appeals and complaints, excepting such as said court finds to involve points of doctrine, which may come before General Synod for adjudication: this court being required to report its action to the Synod.

Resolved, That this committee be instructed to report to the next General Synod, and if then the proposed amendment is approved by the Synod, it shall be sent down to the classes for their approval or rejection; and if approved by the requisite number of classes, it shall be declared a part of the organic law of the church. The committee called for in the foregoing resolution, consists of Revs. Dr. S. Z. Beam, D. W. Gerhard, Elders C. M. Boush, J. W. Bickel and N. L. Brewer, Esq.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

In the 2nd item in the report of the Standing Committee on the minutes of the Synod of the North West, reference is made to a complaint of Milwaukee Classis, which was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Henry Frech, Moritz Noll and Christian Diehm, who presented the following report which was adopted.

Your committee on the complaint of Milwaukee Classis against certain action of the Wisconsin District of the Evangelical

cal Synod of North America, (vide Minutes of the Synod of the North West 1894 page 20) begs leave to report.

Whereas the Wisconsin District, Evang. Synod of North-America has received the Rev. Fr. Wagner, a former pastor of the Milwaukee Classis, without a dismissal from the Reformed Church, therefore, be it Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to report this courtesy to the General Synod of the Evang. Synod of North America.

Respectfully submitted

HENRY FRECH, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVIII.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

THE REVISED CONSTITUTION.

All the items in the Reports of the Standing Committees on Minutes of the District Synods, and the Reports on the Minutes of the several Classes, having reference to the Revised Constitution, were from time to time, as attention required, referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Thos. J. Hacker, N. Z. Snyder, A. B. Stoner and Elders John W. Bickel and John M. Conroy. On the last day of the sessions the subject-matter embraced in the report was brought to the attention of Synod by the committee, whereupon Synod learned that the action of several Classes on the Revised Constitution was of such a character as to prevent the committee from clearly determining whether it was constitutionally adopted. In view of this fact the following action was taken:

Whereas, it is important that the Constitution of the Church should be free from the taint of suspicion and that its adoption be unquestioned in form and fact,

And Whereas, there appears to be real difference of opinion as to whether the new Constitution has been adopted by the requisite vote of two-thirds of the Classes; therefore

Resolved, that the Revised Constitution be re-submitted to the Classes for approval or rejection ; and the results shall be reported by the Classes and by the District Synods to the General Synod, as provided by the Constitution.

Resolved, that the Revised Constitution be re-submitted for action to the several Classes, by publishing the same in the proceedings of this session, and transmitting the same to the several Classes with the same instructions as were given in the proceedings of 1893, in addition to any instructions given by General Synod relating to said submission at this session.

A DELIVERANCE ASKED ON CONSTITUTIONAL POINTS.

In items 7 and 8 in the Report of the Standing Committee on the Minutes of the Eastern Synod a deliverance is requested on certain constitutional points affecting the relation of a Classis to a consistory, and in items 9 and 10 in the Report on Minutes of German Classes a deliverance is asked on the constitutionality of an elder's and deacon's meeting and in regard to the use of an abridged catechism. These several items were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. G. B. Russell, Henry C. Nott, H. S. Gekeler, Elders J. P. Zimmerman and O. W. Cherrington. The report was subsequently presented and read, and re-committed with the following instructions : Resolved, that the General Synod will give no decision on any question except such as are concrete questions ; no interpretation of the Constitution, except such as come up before General Synod in a concrete form.

On the last day of the sessions the committee on the above items submitted the following report, which was adopted.

It is regarded by the General Synod that it is not good practice to decide on imaginary or hypothetical cases, therefore, under your instructions, the overtures from the Eastern Synod, and also those from St. John's Classis cannot claim the attention of this body, until they cover real cases to be settled.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. RUSSELL, *Chairman.*

Items 3 and 4 in Report on Minutes of Central Synod in regard to a Book entitled "100 questions based on Heidelberg Catechism" were submitted to a special committee, consisting of Revs. A. E. Dahlmann, Dr. J. S. Stahr, A. Spangler, Elders J. S. Zimmerman and John Lutz. The report of the committee was presented to the Synod and in its stead a substitute was offered which was adopted. This action was subsequently reconsidered and both the report and substitute was laid on the table.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE REVISED CONSTITUTION.

In item 11th (sub-item b) in Report of Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod certain instructions are given concerning the Revised Constitution. The committee presented the following report during Friday morning's session, which was adopted.

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of preparing an official copy of the Constitution as revised and amended for the printer as per Resolution of General Synod, page 192, Proceedings of 1893, respectfully report that they attended to said duty as will appear by the Constitution contained on pages 165 to 195 inclusive of said proceedings, and that the matter of preparing an index has not been attended to by your committee as it has had no official information, that the Constitution has been adopted.

Your Committee would also respectfully report that Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., has been selected as Chairman of said Committee in place of Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D., deceased.

Respectfully submitted

J. SPANGLER KIEFFER, *Chairman.*

JOHN W. BICKEL, *Secretary pro tem.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HYMNAL.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during the afternoon session on Friday, reported in item 12, that certain instructions were given to Hymnal Committee in regard to the payment of royalties. A report was received and adopted, and the Committee continued. The report is as follows, to-wit:

Your Committee, having in charge the publication of the Hymnal of the Church, offer the following as their report, for the past three years of their appointment.

In this time your Committee held two meetings, the former in Philadelphia for the correction of certain typographical errors, and the latter in this city, since the opening of the present session to pass upon the report of our publisher.

It is with pleasure that we report, that the Hymnal meets with continued favor, that its more general use enlarges and the

royalty from its sale has added large and substantial aid in the helpful work of the Ministerial Relief Society of our Church. Since our report of three years ago, 9426 copies of the Hymnal have been sold, from which the royalty, paid to the Relief Society, over and above all expense of the Committee, amounts to \$1,706.55. As the contract year has its close in August, the amounts as above given, cover the publisher's sales only to August 1895. Before the next meeting of the General Synod, the contract with the present publisher will have expired. It will be necessary therefore, that your committee be continued, that it may watch over, and further direct the publication of the Hymnal.

We note with deep sorrow the recent death of our beloved brother and fellow-committeeman, Rev. Dr. Hibshman, whom we all learned to admire and love for his many noble qualities of head and heart which possessed him.

In this as in other work of the church, he rendered most efficient service. He has entered into rest. Faithful unto death, there is laid up for him a crown of life, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give in that day.

Respectfully submitted

H. M. KIEFFER,
J. A. HOFFHEINS,
J. M. SCHICK.

DELIVERANCE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

Item 8 in Minutes of Synod of North West, and item 31 in Minutes of English Classes, were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. L. D. Steckel, F. Strassner and Elder A. Lange, who presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee, to whom was referred item 31, Minutes of English Classes, requesting all sums apportioned for benevolence be apportioned on the basis of actual membership of the Synods, needs no further attention, for the reason that these apportionments are made on the basis of communicant membership.

Item 8, p. 102, 1895 Minutes of the Synod of the North West from the Committee on Synodical Minutes, requesting a deliver-

ance on the constitutionality of apportionments, which was also referred to this committee, in reference to which your committee beg leave to report the following:

In the minds of some apportionments are held to be taxes, and consequently odious to the Christian spirit, and their constitutionality on this ground questioned. Your committee says in reference to this: That there is no such a thing as taxes for anything and for any purpose in the Reformed Church in these United States. By this we mean that there cannot be any demand made for gifts of any kind and this demand enforced by legal process in collecting the same. Hence no taxes. Apportionments can be taken only as indications of the needs of the church. Hence constitutional. But when this is said, it would be self-deceptive and unchristian to infer that this releases any member of the church from any obligation to give to the extent of his ability to any good object and purpose. Moreover it is dangerous and injurious to spiritual health to be too punctilious as to the manner or mode these calls come to us. The needs of the church are the calls from God, and in response to these it is always more blessed and godlike to give, than to hesitate, by reason of the *form* these calls come to us. Let us always be more concerned that we *do* give than as to the *form* these demands and claims come upon us. If we can be impelled by the love of Christ, this is well pleasing to God. If we do not realize this, let us give at any rate so that we may learn to love.

Very respectfully submitted,

LEWIS D. STECKEL, *Chairman.*

DESIGNATION OF BENEVOLENT OFFERINGS.

In the 26th item in Report of Minutes of English Classes, a request is made by Carlisle Classis to General Synod to repeal its decision at Cincinnati in 1872, in regard to the designation of benevolent offerings. This item was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Dr. C. S. Gerhard, Jno. F. Moyer, J. Otto Vitz and Elders Wm. A. Pence and Henry Kuhns, who presented their report on Thursday evening, which was adopted:

Your committee on the overture from the Classis of Carlisle Eastern Synod, requesting General Synod to repeal its decision in the Dunn complaint case rendered in Cincinnati in 1872, or give a deliverance on the meaning and scope of the same, propose the following action:

Resolved, that this Synod deems it inexpedient to repeal the decision referred to, viz: a) "that no consistory or other judicatory has any right to alienate any funds from the purpose for which they were contributed. b) That the consistories have the undoubted right to designate the direction which benevolent funds in their hands shall take when not specially designated by the donors."

Resolved, that it is the sense of this Synod, that apportionments are not a tax to be exacted from our people, but an estimate of the amount needed to carry forward the various benevolent operations of the church, and that synods, classes, consistories and congregations should heartily co-operate with the General Synod in carrying forward the work, to which the church is committed, through its mission and other boards.

Resolved, that these judicatories and congregations, which disapprove of apportionments, are hereby requested to see to it, that the free will offerings of their people do not fall below the estimated amounts needed from them by the established boards of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. GERHARD, *Chairman.*

EXTENDING CALLS TO THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS.

Overtures from Gettysburg and Wyoming Classes to General Synod for a decision, as to the constitutionality of a charge extending a call to a student of Theology before his Licensure, was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs Prof. Frank Grether, Dr. H. A. Muehlmeier, Dr. D. Van Horne, and Elders Prof. J. E. Kerschner and M. Kirsch, who presented the following report which was adopted.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the overtures from Wyoming and Gettysburg Classes, in regard to theological stu-

dents in their relation to vacant charges, would submit the following as the opinion of the General Synod, for adoption.

1. According to the Constitution Art. 1 and 2, theological students are not yet candidates for the Ministry, and cannot fill the office and perform the functions of a Minister of the Gospel. Self-evidently, therefore, no theological student can preach to, or serve a vacant charge without the express permission of Classis.

2. According to Art. 2, only candidates, i. e., those who have been examined and licensed, can accept a call; therefore, any call tendered to a theological student before his licensure cannot be accepted by him and is unconstitutional.

3. Although it has in some parts of the Church grown into a custom to extend calls to students, they retaining these calls, and not presenting them to Classis until after their Licensure, Classes should instruct their charges not to elect young men as their ministers, who are not yet licensed.

Respectfully submitted

FRANK GRETER, *Chairman.*

INTERPRETATION ASKED BY TIFFIN CLASSIS OF ART. 53 OF THE CONSTITUTION.

In the 28th item of the Report on Overtures, an interpretation is asked by Tiffin Clássis of Art 52 of the Constitution. This item was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Drs. J. S. Kieffer, R. L. Gerhart, C. H. Gundlach and Elders G. S. Stein, M. D., and J. C. Barnhart who on Thursday afternoon presented their report, which was adopted.

The Committee to whom were referred certain requests from the Classes for interpretation of certain articles of the Constitution would respectfully submit the following report:

The requests referred to ask for an interpretation of Article 52, and of Article 3, of the Constitution, and also for a decision by this Synod as to whether the Constitution of the Church recognizes the right of a charge to extend a call to a student of theology before his licensure. In regard to these requests, the Committee would report, after due consideration, that in their judgment, it is not wise to undertake the interpretation of the con-

stitution by formulating answers to abstract questions, but that the Constitution ought to find its interpretation by means of the application of the principles of the Constitution to actual cases, and the determination of those cases, as they arise from time to time.

J. SPANGLER KIEFFER, *Chairman.*

REPRESENTATIVES OF BOARDS AT THE ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

Item 19 in Report on Minutes of English Classes, in regard to Secretaries of Boards visiting the annual meetings of Classes was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. J. B. Henry, Robert O. Boyle, Jno. D. Neff, Elders Milton J. Hess and John Lutz who presented the following report, which was adopted.

Your Committee to whom was referred the overture found in item 18 of the Report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of English Classes begs leave to submit the following report:

The first part of the overture of St. Joseph Classis asks this General Synod to give instructions to the Board of Home Missions, the Board of Foreign Missions, and the General Sunday-school Board to send their Secretaries or other representatives to present the interests of these several Boards to the classes at their annual meetings.

The second part of the overture asks this General Synod to suggest some method by which the classes may meet in such rotation as will make it possible for a person to visit the greatest number of them in the shortest time. The purpose of this overture is to be heartily approved having in view the most extended influence of our Boards and the dissemination of the information needed by all portions of the church.

Your Committee however are of the opinion that the second part of the overture is impracticable, but we recommend that the first part be referred to the above mentioned Boards for their careful consideration.

Respectfully submitted

J. B. HENRY, *Chairman.*

CHANGE OF STATISTICAL TABLE.

Numerous items in regard to changes in the statistical table, were received from the Classes and District Synods; these were referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Dr. S. C. Goss, F. Mayer and Elder Jacob Sechler, who presented the following report which was adopted:

Your committee begs leave to report that various items of the nature of overtures and blank forms of statistics, all relating to the same general subject, and differing only in the extent of the changes proposed, have come into our hands. These overtures come from the Eastern and Interior Synods, from Lancaster (Pa.) Classis, Carlisle and St. Joseph Classes.

Lancaster Classis (Eastern Synod) and the Interior Synod ask for substantially the same change. The Eastern Synod and the remaining Classes agree substantially in asking for the lesser change. The Eastern Synod, besides asking for the division of a single column, calls attention to some neglect in the reporting of statistics and asks this Synod to aid in correcting the evil.

In view of the diversity found in these overtures, your committee recommend for adoption the following as an answer to all of these requests, as probably the best thing in the line of statistics on which our several Synods and Classes may unite:

1. That the column in our statistical table under which *deaths* are now reported by pastors, be so divided as to distinguish between confirmed and unconfirmed members.
2. That Synods through their Classes, provide pastors with blanks in accordance with this action.
3. That Synods direct their Classes to see to it that the ministers account for all the names taken from the roll of the confirmed membership of the church either by dismissal, erasure, excommunication or death.
4. That this Synod urges upon all District Synods, and through them the several Classes, the imperative need, that pastors use the utmost care in their reports under these and every other column of statistics.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. Goss, *Chairman.*

GERMAN TRANSLATION OF DIRECTORY OF WORSHIP.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod reported in item 23 that a committee was appointed to report the changes made in the German translation of the Directory of Worship.

The committee presented the following report during the session on Thursday, which was received and adopted:

To the Reverend General Synod :

Your Committee instructed to report whether or not the changes in the German translation of the Directory of Worship are of such character as to require the reference of the German Directory of Worship to the Classes, begs leave to report:

The translation embraces every form of the original. The language used is good and the translation correct. The few unessential changes rather increase the value and usefulness of the book than diminish it. These changes were fairly and specifically stated and explained before the General Synod at Lebanon, Pa., where the German brethren of the Synod of the North West were well represented.

In the judgment of your Committee there is no good reason why the German translation, fully as good or better than the original, should be referred to the Classes.

In connection with this matter we would remind General Synod that the translator of this book, Rev. N. Gehr, D. D., since the last meeting of Synod, has been called to his eternal reward. He has received no remuneration whatever for his work of translation and paid out of his own means for the printing of the book, amounting nearly to \$300.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BACHMANN,

A. E. DAHLMANN,

Committee.

REFORMED CHURCH PROPERTY AT EMPORIA, KANSAS.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod during the session on Friday, in item 15, reported concerning the appointment of [a special] committee to attend to the transfer of

Reformed Church property in Emporia, Kansas. The Committee presented the following report, which was adopted.

Fathers and Brethren :

The special Committee appointed with plenary power to dispose of the Church property in Emporia would respectfully report, that the mission interest in Emporia, Kansas, has revived and the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod at its late annual meeting decided to locate a missionary in Emporia. No necessity therefore exists of disposing of said property.

The Committee, however, would recommend that the officers of the General Synod, be and are hereby directed to convey by Quit Claim Deed to the Board of Missions of the General Synod the interest in said property which this General Synod may have.

Respectfully submitted

D. B. SHUEY,
C. M. BOUSH,
JNO. W. BICKEL.
P. C. PRUGH.

PREPARATION OF A DIGEST OF SYNODICAL DECISIONS.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during the morning session on Friday, reported on item 13, that a committee was appointed to prepare a digest of the decisions of the Synods. The committee submitted the following report which was adopted.

Your Committee appointed to prepare a digest of the decisions of the General Synod on questions of doctrine, morals, customs, and constitutional interpretation respectfully report, that they have no knowledge or information whether our departed chairman Rev. Dr. I. H. Reiter had taken up the work or how far he had progressed with it; and as the work was not divided among the members of your Committee, there was nothing done by them in the matter. We would suggest to General Synod to appoint the Stated Clerk of General Synod together with the Stated Clerks of the different District Synods a Committee with instructions that each one draw from the Minutes of his respective Synod all decisions on question of doctrine, morals, customs

and constitutional interpretations and report them under the above separate headings as a whole to General Synod at its next triennial meeting.

Respectfully submitted

E. D. WETTACH,
JACOB DAHLMANN,
JOHN W. BICKEL,
C. M. BOUSH.

The following preamble and resolution was adopted.

Whereas, Rev. Dr. Cyrus Cort, as a member of the original Committee on Digest, compiled a report on the proceedings of General Synod, which met the approval of the majority of the members of said Committee six years ago, including the chairman, the Rev. G. W. Welker, deceased and

Whereas the Stated Clerk of General Synod will have more than his share of work to do in compiling the material of the Eastern Synod of which he is also Stated Clerk, therefore

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. Cyrus Cort be added to the Committee of Stated Clerks already created by this General Synod and that he shall prepare the Digest of the proceedings of the General Synod and act as chairman.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the various blanks necessary to pastors to make their reports be ordered printed by our Stated Clerk, and that he and the Assistant Stated Clerk be the persons holding the blanks and from whom pastors shall obtain them.

The following are the instructions given by the General Synod to the Classes in voting upon the Revised Constitution:

Resolved, That said ordinance be transmitted to the Classes of the church to decide upon the approval or rejection theréof, at the first annual meeting, by each Classis respectively held, after the publication of the Minutes of this General Synod containing the same; und that the District Synods are hereby directed to make at their annual meeting succeeding the annual meetings of all the Classes in their respective districts, a record

of the vote of each Classis, and which Classes have failed to take action, or were unable to arrive at any definite conclusion in regard to the matter, and send immediately through their Stated Clerks, duly certified copies of such record to the Stated Clerk of this General Synod, who shall present the same to this Synod at its next triennial session.

Resolved, That this General Synod would also call the attention of the several Classes, that under Article 80 of the Constitution of the Church, the vote upon the ordinance must be for approval or rejection as a whole, and that a qualified approval or rejection upon condition that specified changes be made, works a rejection of the whole ordinance.

Resolved, That the Constitution, as now amended and approved by the General Synod, be embodied in the printed Minutes of this General Synod.

CONSTITUTION

Of the Reformed Church in the United States, as Approved by the General Synod at Reading, Pa., May 31, 1893.

For the maintenance of truth and order in accordance with the Word of God, the Reformed Church in the United States ordains this Constitution to be its fundamental law for government, doctrine and cultus, and declares the same to have binding authority on all its members, congregations and courts.

MEMBERS.

ARTICLE 1. All persons baptized by the Church are members thereof, under its care and subject to its government and discipline.

ART. 2. Persons received into full communion with the Church by confirmation, certificate, or renewal of profession, and not afterwards excluded from the Lord's Supper, shall be regarded as communicant members. They alone are entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Church, and can be deprived of the same only by due process of discipline.

ART. 3. Those baptized in infancy shall be received into full communion with the Church by confirmation; and unbaptized adults, by baptism and confirmation. In both cases they shall first receive proper instruction in the truths of the Gospel, and give satisfactory evidence of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

ART. 4. Members of other branches of the Christian Church, in good and regular standing, may be received into the membership of the Reformed Church by certificate of dismission. If, however, such a certificate cannot be procured, they may, no moral impediment existing, be received by a renewal of their

profession of faith in Christ. This does not preclude the Spiritual Council from deciding in either case, whether, before they are thus received, they shall, or shall not, be instructed in the fundamental truths of the Christian religion as set forth in the Heidelberg Catechism.

ART. 5. Members removing from one congregation to another, shall obtain a certificate of dismission, and at the first opportunity unite with the congregation into whose bounds they have moved. The Spiritual Council dismissing them shall immediately communicate the fact to the Spiritual Council of the congregation to which they have been dismissed, and the latter shall promptly give notice to the former of their reception. Members dismissed shall be amenable to the congregation dismissing them, until they shall have been received by another congregation. A certificate of dismission shall be valid only for one year from its date. The dismission of an elder or a deacon shall end his term of office in the congregation.

ART. 6. It is the duty of church members to live sober, righteous and godly lives, and to labor faithfully in bringing others to Christ. They shall obey the laws and rules of life, prescribed in the Word of God and in the Constitution and enactments of the Church, and contribute liberally, in proportion to their means, to the support of the Gospel and for the extension of the Kingdom of Christ. Every member shall faithfully attend the public services of the Church, and diligently engage in private devotions; and those who have been confirmed shall regularly partake of the Lord's Supper. Parents shall give especial attention to the religious training of the members of their household.

CONGREGATIONS.

ART. 7. A congregation of the Reformed Church is a body of Christians accepting the Heidelberg Catechism as its standard of faith and doctrine, and organized agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution of the Church.

ART. 8. Whenever it is desired to constitute a congregation, the church members who are willing to enter into such organization shall sign the following memorial, and address the same to the Classis within whose bounds the congregation is to be organized:

We, whose names are hereunto affixed, desiring to be constituted a congregation, that we may have better facilities for enjoying the holy ordinances of the Christian Church, do hereby petition the Classis of to constitute us such, under the name of congregation, in the township (town or city) of, county of, and State of, and declare our readiness to be governed by the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

(Date.)

(Signed.)

If the Classis approve of the proposed organization, it shall appoint a committee to superintend the election of elders and deacons and induct them into office. After the acts thus authorized have been performed, and have been sanctioned by the Classis, the organization shall be enrolled as a regular congregation of the Reformed Church in the United States.

ART. 9. Whenever a congregation desires to become an incorporated body under the civil laws, a draft of the proposed articles of incorporation shall be submitted to Classis for approval before its presentation to the civil authorities. In all cases, unless there be legal difficulties, the Consistory shall in the charter be constituted the trustees of the congregation.

ART. 10. Every congregation shall adopt a constitution or by-laws for its own government. Such constitution or by-laws must be in accordance with its charter and with the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

ART. 11. To the trustees shall be committed the care and control of the property of the congregation, whether real or personal, moneys and legacies. They shall hold the property as a sacred trust for the congregation, keep the church edifice and other buildings belonging to the congregation in proper repair and prevent the house of God from being used for improper purposes. In matters of a general nature, such as the purchasing or selling of property, the borrowing of money, and the remodeling or erection of buildings, the trustees can determine nothing finally without the consent of a majority of the members of the congregation assembled at a meeting called for the purpose, of which meeting at least two weeks' previous public notice shall be given.

ART. 12. The common interests of two or more congregations united in one pastoral charge shall be committed to a Joint Consistory, composed of the members of the Consistories of the congregations included in the charge. No congregation shall withdraw from such charge without permission of Classis.

ART. 13. On the dissolution of a congregation, the Classis with which it was connected shall have jurisdiction over its members, and transfer them to another congregation. Classis, also, shall have charge and control of the property of said dissolved congregation, and shall determine any case of discipline begun by the Spiritual Council and not completed. And if a congregation shall withdraw from connection with the Reformed Church in the United States, the official character of the elders, deacons and trustees shall immediately cease, and the Classis to which it belonged shall succeed to all the rights, powers and prerogatives of the trustees touching the property, real and personal.

CHURCH OFFICES.

ART. 14. The offices of the Reformed Church are:

1. The office of Minister of the Word.
2. The office of Teacher of Theology.
3. The office of Elder.
4. The office of Deacon.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD.

ART. 15. A Minister of the Word is a member of the Church, called by Christ to the ministry of reconciliation, and ordained and consecrated by prayer and the laying on of hands, to preach the Gospel, to dispense the holy Sacra-

ments, to administer Christian discipline, and to give himself wholly to the service of Christ in His Church.

ART. 16. A minister receiving a call from a charge, and willing to serve the same, shall present said call together with his acceptance of it to Classis or its Executive Committee for consideration; and if the call be confirmed, provision shall at once be made for his installation as pastor. No call, however, shall be confirmed unless the support of the pastor is therein adequately provided for, and the salary of the preceding pastor has been paid, or satisfactory arrangements for its payment have been made; nor shall any Classis refuse to confirm a call, unless there be strong reason for withholding such confirmation.

ART. 17. Every pastor shall reside within the bounds of his charge, unless Classis give him permission to reside elsewhere; and no minister having received a call from a charge shall move into it, or perform any pastoral duties in it, without having first obtained the consent of Classis or its Executive Committee.

ART. 18. Every pastor shall keep in a book, which shall be the property of the congregation, a complete record of all baptisms, confirmations, communicants, receptions on certificate, renewals of profession, dismissions, erasures of names, suspensions, depositions from office, excommunications, marriages and deaths.

ART. 19. A pastor desiring to resign his charge, shall lay his resignation before its Consistory, which shall take early action on it. The resignation and the consequent action of the Consistory, shall then, as soon as possible, be laid before the Classis or its Executive Committee for consideration and action. No pastor shall leave his charge, or accept a call from another, before his resignation has been approved and the pastoral relation has been dissolved by Classis or its Executive Committee.

ART. 20. A minister shall not officiate in the charge of another minister without his consent; nor shall he serve, as a regular supply, a vacant congregation or charge, without the consent of the Classis or of the Executive Committee of the Classis to which the congregation or charge belongs. He shall be a member of that Classis within whose bounds he resides, unless he is a professor in some institution of the Church, in which case he may be a member of any Classis connected with the Synod or Synods under whose care the institution is conducted.

ART. 21. A minister is bound to continue in the service of the sanctuary as long as he lives. He is not permitted to devote himself to a secular calling without the consent of Classis. Educational or other direct work for the Church, shall not be regarded as a secular calling.

ART. 22. If a minister not otherwise chargeable with an offense, renounces the jurisdiction of this Church by joining another denomination without being regularly dismissed thereto, Classis shall record the fact and erase his name from its roll. If charges are pending against him, he may be tried thereon. If, however, he has abandoned the ministry, or declared himself independent,

ent, his name shall be erased, or he may be deposed or excommunicated, as the case may require.

ART. 23. A minister compelled by age or infirmity to retire from the active duties of the ministry, still retains his right to a seat and vote in his Classis and in the Synods, and to perform ministerial acts within the restrictions specified in Article 20 of this Constitution.

ART. 24. A minister from another ecclesiastical body, before being admitted into the ministry of this Church, shall present a certificate of dismission, and be examined as to his orthodoxy and the purity of his intentions. If his application be approved, he may, upon signing the formula prescribed for licentiates, be admitted by a vote of two-thirds of the Classis or Synod to which he has applied for reception.

TEACHERS OF THEOLOGY.

ART. 25. A Teacher of Theology is a Minister of the Word who has been elected and inaugurated as a professor in a theological institution of the Church. He shall be chosen in such manner as may be determined by the Synod or Synods to whose jurisdiction the Seminary is subject.

ART. 26. No person shall be elected a Teacher of Theology whose views are not in accord with the faith and doctrine of the Reformed Church, and who does not approve of its mode of government, forms of worship and distinctive customs.

ART. 27. Before a Teacher of Theology enters upon the duties of his office, he shall be inaugurated under the direction of the Synod or Synods by which he was chosen. At his inauguration, he shall solemnly affirm the following declaration, as by an oath in the presence of God, in a public assembly:

“You, N—— N——, Professor-elect of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, at, acknowledge sincerely before God and this assembly, that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, which are called canonical, are divinely inspired Scriptures; that they contain all things which relate to the faith, the practice and the hope of the righteous, and are the only rule of faith and practice in the Church of God; that, consequently, no traditions, as they are called, and no mere conclusions of reason, which are contrary to the clear testimony of these Scriptures, can be received as rules of faith or of life. You acknowledge further that the doctrine contained in the Heidelberg Catechism is in accordance with the doctrine of the Holy Scriptures. You declare sincerely, that in the office you are about to assume, you will make the divine authority of the Holy Scriptures, and the truth of the doctrine contained in the Heidelberg Catechism, the basis of all your instructions, and faithfully maintain and defend the same in your preaching and writing, as well as in your instructions. You declare finally that you will labor, according to the ability which God may grant you, that with the divine blessing the students intrusted to your care may become enlightened, pious, faithful and zealous ministers of the Gospel.”

ART. 28. Teachers of Theology shall explain the Holy Scriptures, and defend the pure doctrine of the Gospel against errors. In their instructions to the theological students, it shall be their principal aim to make them well acquainted with the true sense of the Sacred Scriptures, and prepare them to preach the Gospel with power and effect. In this service they are severally required to instruct the students in Exegetical, Historical, Systematic and Practical Theology.

ART. 29. A Teacher of Theology continues in office during his life, unless he resigns, or becomes disqualified for its duties by heterodoxy or vice, or by physical or mental infirmities.

ART. 30. Should four ministers and four elders of the Church present to the Board of Visitors of any Theological Seminary, a document asserting that for cause or causes named in Art. 29 of this Constitution, a Teacher of Theology is disqualified for his office, said Board shall institute a careful examination, and if the charge be well founded, shall refer the matter for revision and final disposition to the Synod or Synods under whose authority the professor holds his office.

ART. 31. A Teacher of Theology who has been rendered incapable of further service by infirmities, shall not be displaced without having such provision made for his support as his necessities may require, and the Synod or Synods may be able to make. A professor desiring to resign his office, shall give notice in writing to the President of the Board of Visitors, or other proper officers, of his intention, at least six months before his resignation is to take effect.

ELDERS AND DEACONS.

ART. 32. An Elder is a member of the Church, chosen by a congregation, and ordained to his office by prayer and the laying on of hands, to assist and support the pastor in the spiritual affairs of the Church. He shall remain in active service until his successor is inducted into office.

ART. 33. Elders shall take heed to themselves that they may be an example unto others, and shall faithfully watch over the spiritual interests of the congregation. They shall aid in visiting the sick, and contribute according to their ability to the instruction, improvement and consolation of all the members.

ART. 34. A Deacon is a member of the Church, chosen by a congregation, and ordained to his office by prayer and the laying on of hands, to collect and disburse the alms and other offerings of the congregation.

ART. 35. It is the duty of the deacons to attend to the temporal affairs of the Church, to look after the poor and destitute, and to see that the charities of the congregation are wisely applied. They shall also procure the elements for the Lord's Supper, and maintain order in the house of God.

ART. 36. Elders and deacons shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast, and may, from time to time, be re-elected. Their number in a congregation and their term of office shall be determined by the constitution and by-laws

of the congregation. When elected for the first time they shall be publicly ordained to their office. After their ordination, they, with those who have been re-elected, shall be installed.

ART. 37. Members called to the offices of Elder and Deacon should be of exemplary life and conduct (see Acts 6: 1-6 and I Tim. 3: 8-13) that the congregation may be edified. On this account light-minded, contentious or otherwise improper persons ought not to be chosen to these offices.

ART. 38. Nominations for the offices of Elder and Deacon shall be made by the Consistory, which shall present the name of one or two persons for each officer to be elected. Public notice of the nominations shall be given from the pulpit, at least one week before the election. At the meeting for the election, one additional person for each officer to be elected may be nominated by the congregation. No person shall be voted for unless regularly nominated. All nominees must be in full communion with the Church, and earnestly devoted to the cause of Christ. If possible each congregation shall have at least two Elders and two Deacons.

CHURCH COURTS.

ART. 39. The Church Courts are :

1. The Consistory.
2. The Spiritual Council.
3. The Classis.
4. The Synod.
5. The General Synod.

They shall take cognizance only of ecclesiastical matters. They have authority to require obedience to the laws of Christ and His Church, and to discipline the disobedient.

ART. 40. Cases over which a lower court has original jurisdiction, can be brought before a higher court only by reference, complaint or appeal.

ART. 41. Classes or Synods which prevailingly use the same language in public worship, shall not be organized within the same territory.

ART. 42. From the regular credentials of the delegates, *primarii* and *secundi*, the stated clerk of a Classis, a Synod, or the General Synod, shall prepare the roll in advance of the stated meeting. Irregular or disputed credentials shall immediately after the organization of the body be referred to a special committee, which shall report within twenty-four hours after its appointment. The sessions of every Church Court shall be opened and closed with religious services.

ART. 43. Each Classis and Synod, and the General Synod, shall elect a president, stated clerk and such other officers as they respectively deem necessary, who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected at the next stated meeting. The stated clerk, however, may be elected for a longer period.

ART. 44. When a Church Court meets as a delegated body, the delegates to it shall be elected by the courts which they respectively represent from among their members, and in all such elections at least a double number of

persons shall be nominated. Those having the highest number of votes shall be the *primarii*, and an equal number having the next highest number of votes shall be the *secundi*, who shall succeed the *primarii* in the order of the number of votes received in both cases. Should the seat of a *primarius* be vacant and his *secundus* absent, it may be occupied by another *secundus* from among the number of the *secundi* present, in the order in which they stand on the list of delegates.

ART. 45. Acting elders only shall be elected delegates to Church Courts. They have the same rights and privileges in a Church Court as Ministers of the Gospel.

ART. 46. Delegates to a Church Court shall be punctual in attending its meetings and shall remain during the whole of its sessions. They are amenable to their own court for their tardiness or absence. The expenses incurred in attending to their duties must be provided for by the court which elected them, unless paid by the higher court.

ART. 47. At a special meeting of a Church Court, action can be taken only on the items of business specified in the call.

ART. 48. Should unforeseen circumstances render it necessary, either the time or place, or both, of the stated meeting of a Classis, a Synod, or the General Synod may be changed by the president and stated clerk: *Provided*, that for a Classis two weeks', for a Synod four weeks', and for the General Synod six weeks' previous notice be given by circular, and in the church paper.

ART. 49. At least one member of every committee appointed by a Classis, a Synod, or the General Synod, shall be an elder, except in the case of a committee to ordain a licentiate, install a pastor or inaugurate a teacher of theology.

ART. 50. Delegates from bodies in correspondence with the General Synod shall be recognized as advisory members, but shall have no vote. The same privilege shall be accorded to every minister and elder of the Reformed Church, who may be present at a meeting of Church Court. Ministers from other denominations, who may be in attendance, shall be recognized and welcomed by the President, but shall not be admitted to seats as advisory members.

ART. 51. No member of a Church Court shall be allowed to enter a protest against its acts; but any member dissenting shall have the right to call for the *yeas* and *nays*, in which case the vote and name of every member voting on the question shall be entered on the minutes.

THE CONSISTORY.

ART. 52. The Consistory is composed of the pastor or pastors, and the elders and the deacons of a congregation, and has oversight and government of the organization.

ART. 53. The pastor shall be president of the Consistory, unless the existing charter provides otherwise. If there be two or more pastors, they shall preside in turn; and when a charge is vacant, one of the elders shall act as presi-

dent. At a meeting of the Consistory a majority of its members shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 54. The Consistory shall hold stated monthly or quarterly meetings; and may hold such special meetings as are called by the president, or in his absence, or inability or unwillingness to act, by the secretary when requested in writing to do so by a majority of the members.

ART. 55. The Consistory, or if the pastoral charge embraces more than one congregation, the Joint Consistory, shall annually elect delegates, *primarius* and *secundus*, to represent the charge in Classis; and also delegates, *primarius* and *secundus*, to represent it in Synod whenever Synod meets in convention. At least ten days before the annual meeting of the body to which these delegates have been elected, their credentials shall be sent to its stated clerk by the president or the secretary of the Consistory.

ART. 56. In managing the general affairs of the congregation, the Consistory shall call congregational meetings, order collections for benevolent purposes, distribute alms through the deacons, audit the treasure's account, and make due provisions for the support of the pastor. It shall keep a full and accurate record of its own proceedings, and of those of the congregation, and submit it to the Classis whenever requested to do so.

ART. 57. In calling a minister and in all matters of general interest, the Consistory shall determine nothing conclusively, without the consent of a majority of the members of the congregation present at a meeting duly called for the purpose, of which at least one week's public notice shall be given.

ART. 58. When a charge is without a pastor, the Consistory, or Joint Consistory, shall propose to the congregation or congregations constituting the charge, a candidate for the pastorate to be voted upon at a meeting to be called for the purpose, of which public notice shall be given at least one week previously. The members shall vote by ballot simply for or against the candidate, and if a majority of the votes cast be in his favor, he is elected, and the Consistory, or Joint Consistory, shall tender him a call according to the form prescribed by the General Synod. If a pastoral charge consists of two or more congregations, the election shall, if possible, be held in each congregation on the same day. Under no circumstances shall a congregation or charge vote on more than one candidate at one and the same meeting.

THE SPIRITUAL COUNCIL.

ART. 59. The Spiritual Council consists of the pastor, or pastors, and the acting elders of a congregation. It has original jurisdiction in matters of discipline, except in the case of a Minister of the Word.

ART. 60. The pastor shall be president of the Spiritual Council, or, if there be two or more pastors, they shall preside in turn; if there be no pastor, one of the elders shall preside. A majority of its members shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 61. It is the duty of the Spiritual Council to watch over the members of the congregation, to guard the doctrine of Christ, and to maintain

wholesome discipline. It alone has power to admit members to full communion, and to exclude therefrom any who may err from the faith or offend in morals.

ART. 62. Stated meetings of the Spiritual Council shall be held after the examination of the catechumens, and immediately before every communion service; and special meetings, whenever called by the president, or requested by two elders.

ART. 63. The Spiritual Council shall furnish members of the congregation, not under discipline, with certificates of dismission to any orthodox Protestant Church whenever applied for.

ART. 64. Should the Spiritual Council, after being duly notified, neglect to convene at the time appointed, the pastor may sit alone as a court to try an individual, and, on finding him guilty, pronounce sentence.

ART. 65. The Spiritual Council shall keep a full and accurate record of its proceedings, and when requested by Classis shall submit the same to it for review.

THE CLASSIS.

ART. 66. A Classis consists of the ministers residing within a district designated by the Synod, and of the elders delegated by the pastoral charges situated within these limits, and has jurisdiction over said ministers and pastoral charges.

ART. 67. A Classis shall embrace at least three pastoral charges and as many ordained ministers. It shall meet annually at such time and place as it may designate. Three ministers and two elders regularly convened shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 68. Every pastoral charge shall be represented in Classis by its pastor, or pastors, and one delegated elder; or, if vacant, by a delegated elder.

ART. 69. The annual meeting of a Classis shall be opened with divine service, including the preaching of a sermon by the president or one of its members designated by him or by the Classis, after which the roll shall be called, and if a quorum be present, the officers for the ensuing year shall be elected and the business proceed according to the rules of order prescribed by the General Synod.

ART. 70. Immediately after the election of officers, the president shall appoint the Standing Committees of Classis. The reports of the Committees on Minutes of Classis, Minutes of Synod and on Overtures, shall exhibit those items which claim the attention of the Classis.

ART. 71. At the annual meeting every pastor shall present a written parochial and a full statistical report, and every minister, though without a charge, a report of his labors. If unable to be present, he shall forward his report to the stated clerk three days before the meeting. The parochial report shall contain a full account of the temporal and spiritual condition of the charge, and of the labors of the pastor. After each pastoral report the president shall ask the pastor and elder such questions as may be requisite to elicit

additional information, among which questions shall be such as pertain to church discipline, the regular instruction of the young in the Heidelberg Catechism, pastoral visitation, and the payment of the pastor's salary. The statistical report shall be prepared according to the form approved by the General Synod. If a charge be vacant, this report shall be furnished by the Consistory or Joint Consistory. On the basis of all these parochial and statistical reports, the Committee on the State of Religion shall prepare a general report for Classis.

AT. 72. In every Classis is vested the power to examine and license applicants for the ministry, to ordain licentiates, to constitute or dissolve pastoral relations, to receive and dismiss ministers and licentiates, to depose or otherwise discipline according to his desert a member of its own body, and to reinstate a minister whom it has suspended or deposed, when trustworthy evidence of repentance and reformation appears,

AT. 73. Classis may review all congregational records and approve or disapprove them, and shall hear and decide all cases of reference, complaint and appeal, as well as all questions respecting ministers or congregations which may arise within its jurisdiction and are regularly brought before it, such as constituting new congregations, determining boundaries of congregations and charges, deciding controversies between congregations, forming, reconstructing or dissolving charges, as may be requested or as Classis may deem expedient.

AT. 74. Neither a minister nor a licentiate shall be received by Classis until he has presented a certificate of dismission from the Classis to which he last belonged, and no reception of a minister from another denomination shall be final until it is confirmed by Synod.

AT. 75. A minister or a licentiate is amenable to the Classis that dismissed him, and his name shall be retained on its roll until he has been received by the Classis to which he was dismissed. His dismission, however, at once annuls any previous appointment or election of him by Classis as a member of a Committee, or as a delegate to a Synod or to the General Synod.

AT. 76. A Classis dismissing a minister or a licentiate shall specify in its minutes the particular Classis and Synod, or other ecclesiastical body to which he is dismissed; and in receiving a minister or licentiate, it shall in like manner specify the particular Classis and Synod, or other ecclesiastical body, from which he has been received. A certificate of dismission in such case shall be valid only for one year from its date.

AT. 77. No Classis shall refuse to receive a minister or a licentiate dismissed to it by another Classis, unless there be manifest grounds of objection against his doctrine or morals, in which case the certificate of dismission shall be returned to the Classis, with a specific statement of the grounds of objection; whereupon the Classis shall take these objections into consideration, and if it find no sufficient reason to change its action, the whole question shall be referred to Synod for decision. When a minister or a licentiate is received by any Classis, it shall at once give official notice of his reception to the Classis that dismissed him.

ART. 78. Whenever a minister or a licentiate willfully neglects, for two consecutive years, to attend the annual meetings of his Classis and fails to report it, he renders himself liable to suspension from office and Classis shall at once cite him for trial, and proceed in his case according to the Constitution of the Church.

ART. 79. Every Classis shall at its first annual meeting after the minutes of the General Synod have been distributed, take final action on all ordinances and constitutional amendments approved by General Synod and sent down to the Classis for adoption or rejection, and report its action to the next stated meeting of its Synod and of the General Synod.

ART. 80. A special meeting of Classis may be called at any time by the president; and at the written request of two ministers and two elders of Classis, he shall call such a meeting, if assured that the party or parties for whose benefit it is to be called, will pay the expenses incurred. At least two weeks' previous notice of such meeting shall be given by circular to every member of Classis. In case of the death or removal of the president, or if the business to be transacted implicates him, the power of calling the meeting is vested in the stated clerk. Should either of these contingencies exist with respect to the stated clerk also, two ministers and two elders, members of the Classis, may call the meeting.

ART. 81. A Classis at any annual meeting may appoint its president, stated clerk, and one of its other members chosen for the purpose, an Executive Committee, of which the president shall be chairman. This committee shall represent Classis during the interval between meetings, and, in all cases when between the parties concerned there is no question at issue, and in which at least two weeks' notice of the proposed action has been given in writing by the president to every member of Classis, and no written objection to said action has been made to any member of the committee, nor a special meeting of Classis demanded, shall have power to dissolve a pastoral relation, to dismiss or receive a minister or a licentiate, to confirm a call and appoint a committee to ordain a licentiate and install a pastor, to permit a minister or a licentiate to minister as a regular supply to vacant congregations, and to authorize the organization of new congregations. It shall also be the duty of this committee, if requested, to aid a vacant charge in securing a pastor, and a minister in obtaining a suitable field of labor. The committee shall at the close of the year present a full report of its acts and proceedings to Classis for revision and incorporation in its minutes. Classis shall pay the necessary expenses of this committee.

ART. 82. The stated clerk shall have charge of the books and papers of Classis, and issue all its official documents, signed by himself and the president, with the seal of Classis affixed. At least ten days before the annual meetings of Classis, he shall furnish every pastor with a copy of the blank form of the statistical report. He shall transmit to Synod, at its annual meetings, a certified copy of the minutes of all the meetings of Classis held during the year, in the form and order required by the rules of Synod. He shall furnish

pastoral charges and individuals with a certified copy of any proceedings in which they are specially concerned. If Synod meet as a delegated body, he shall, at least ten days before its annual meeting, furnish its stated clerk with the credentials of the delegates, *primarii* and *secundi*, elected to represent Classis. He shall also, thirty days before the stated meeting of the General Synod, furnish its stated clerk with the credentials of the delegates, *primarii* and *secundi*, elected to represent Classis, together with the roll of its actual members, and also with a certified copy of those portions of the minutes of Classis, claiming the attention of General Synod.

ART. 83. On the dissolution of a Classis, the Synod with which it was connected shall have jurisdiction over its members, and shall transfer them to some other Classis or Classes. It shall also have charge and control of the property of said dissolved Classis, and determine any case of discipline begun by the Classis and not concluded.

THE SYNOD.

ART 84. A Synod is composed of four or more adjacent Classes designated by the General Synod, and has jurisdiction over them. It shall meet annually, either in convention or as a delegated body. In convention it consists of all its ministers and one elder from each pastoral charge; as a delegated body it consists of the ministers and elders chosen by its Classes, according to a basis of representation adopted by itself with the concurrence of at least two-thirds of its Classes. A suspended minister shall not be counted in the basis of representation either to Synod or General Synod.

ART. 85. Any number of members convened at the time and place appointed for a meeting, in which a majority of the Classes are represented, and of which at least one-third are elders, shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 86. The annual sessions shall be opened with divine service, including the preaching of a sermon by the president or by some member designated by him or by the Synod, after which the organization shall be effected and the business transacted according to the rules of order prescribed by the General Synod.

ART. 87. A Synod shall annually review the proceedings of its Classes. The report of the committee on this subject shall embrace the following topics:

1. *Things Censurable*, as a violation of the Constitution of the Church, or an offense against propriety or a neglect of duty.
2. *Requests and References* from the Classes to the Synod.
3. *Complaints and Appeals* to the Synod.
4. *Decisions of the Classes* on subjects referred to them by the Synod.
5. *Licenses, ordinations, ministers received, dismissed, suspended or deposed, Licentiates received or dismissed, and licenses revoked.*
6. *Time and place of the next annual meeting of each Classis, with the names of its president, stated clerk and treasurer.*

ART. 88. The actions of the Classes upon an ordinance or amendment of the Constitution of the Church, shall be in regular order incorporated in the

minutes of the Synod, and appear in the printed copy thereof for the information of the General Synod

ART. 89. A Synod has power to examine and license applicants for the ministry, to ordain licentiates, to hear and determine complaints and appeals, to give advice in a case referred to it by a Classis, to establish new Classes within its own limits, and to determine all controversies between Classes, and between ministers or congregations of different Classes. A Classis, however, cannot be dissolved, nor can any part of it be united to another Classis, without its own consent. The decision of a Synod in all cases of complaint or appeal shall be final, except on questions concerning doctrine, cultus and the construction of the Constitution, or when the legality of any proceeding is called in question.

ART. 90. A Synod, either separately or in connection with one or more adjacent Synods, may establish and maintain colleges and other literary institutions, and shall have full control over them.

ART. 91. A Synod, or two or more adjacent Synods, may, with the consent of the General Synod, may establish a Theological Seminary. The Board of Trustees and the Board of Visitors of such Seminary shall be elected by said Synod or Synods and report to them annually. No Theological Seminary shall hereafter be established except by a Synod or Synods. The professors and other officers shall be amenable only to the Synod or Synods by which they are sustained, subject to charter regulations.

ART. 92. Each Synod shall give all necessary attention to the education of pious young men for the gospel ministry, and to the cause of missions both in the home and in the foreign field. Its missionary operations shall be under the authority and control of General Synod.

ART. 93. A Synod, either separately or in connection with one or more adjacent Synods, may establish or maintain a Board of Publication, whose particular purpose shall be the publication and sale of such church papers and religious books as are adapted to promote sound knowledge and true religion. At every annual meeting of the Synod or Synods the Board shall submit for examination and review a full statement of its operations during the year and of its present condition.

ART. 94. A special meeting of Synod may be called by the president, or, in case of his death or removal, by the stated clerk, whenever six ministers and four elders, members of the Synod, request it in a written communication specifying the particular business to be transacted. At least three weeks before the Synod convenes, the members thereof shall be notified by circular of the time and place of meeting, and of the items of business that will claim attention.

ART. 95. All credentials, calls to professors, and agreements to which Synod is a party, shall be signed by the president and stated clerk, and have the seal of Synod attached. The stated clerk shall subscribe all extracts from the records of Synod, and have charge of the records, papers and seal of Synod; and shall submit to the General Synod at its stated meeting three or

more duly authenticated, printed copies of the proceedings of every meeting held since the immediately preceding stated meeting of that body.

THE GENERAL SYNOD.

ART. 96. The General Synod represents the whole Church, and is composed of ministers and elders delegated by the Classes. It is the highest Church Court, and the last resort in all cases pertaining to the government, doctrine and cultus of the Church. It bears the following title: *The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

ART. 97. In the General Synod, a Classis consisting of not more than twelve ministers shall be represented by one minister and one elder; a Classis of more than twelve and not more than twenty-four, by two ministers and two elders, and so on in the same ratio. Any number of delegates representing a majority of the Classes and one-third of whom are elders, shall, when convened at the time and place appointed for a meeting, constitute a quorum.

ART. 98. The General Synod shall meet triennially at the time and place appointed. The sessions shall be opened with divine service, including the preaching of a sermon by the president, or by some member designated by him or by the General Synod, after which the organization shall be effected and the business transacted according to its rules of order.

ART. 99. A special meeting of the General Synod may be called by the president, at the written request of twenty-one members representing a majority of the Synods and of whom one-third are elders. At least six weeks before the time of meeting, the stated clerk shall, by order of the president, issue a circular to the members, informing them of the time and place of meeting and of the items of business to be considered.

ART. 100. The General Synod shall review the proceedings of the Synods, and approve or disapprove their acts. It has power to maintain correspondence with sister Churches, to hear and determine complaints and appeals, within the limits laid down in this Constitution, to decide controversies between Synods and between Classes of different Synods, and also to give counsel in cases referred to it by one or more Synods. It may, at the request of four adjacent Classes and with the consent of the Synod or Synods within whose bounds they lie, constitute them a Synod.

ART. 101. The General Synod shall diligently prosecute the work of home missions and of foreign missions by two separate Boards, which are to be elected and governed in their proceedings, in accordance with the provisions of their respective charters. At every triennial meeting of the General Synod each Board shall submit for revision a report of its operations during the last three years, and a statement of its present condition.

ART. 102. The General Synod shall prepare the following forms: A Constitution for a Congregation; a Constitution for a Joint Consistory; Certificate of Licensure; Testimonials of Ordination; Certificate of Dismission of a Minister; Call to a Minister; Call to a Teacher of Theology; Certificate of Dismission of a Church Member; Certificate of Marriage; Statistical Report of a Pas-

toral Charge; Statistical Report of a Classis; Statistical Report of a Synod; a Church Register; Accusations; Citation of an Accused Person; Citation of a Witness; Form for Qualifying a Witness; Order of Business and Rules of Order for the Classes, the Synods, and the General Synod. These forms may be changed or amended, at any stated meeting of the General Synod, by a two-thirds vote.

ART. 103. All proposed ordinances of the Church, such as the Constitution, a catechism, a hymn book and a liturgy, as well as all amendments of the same, must first be approved by a vote of two-thirds of the General Synod at a stated meeting, and then be submitted to all the Classes for adoption or rejection. If at the next stated meeting of the General Synod it shall appear that more than one-third of the Classes have rejected the ordinance or amendment, the same is rejected and shall be so declared by the General Synod; otherwise, it shall be declared adopted, and be of binding authority on the whole Church.

ART. 104. The original records of all proceedings of the General Synod, and all documents, letters and papers having reference to its proceedings, shall be carefully preserved by the stated clerk, and deposited in such place as the General Synod shall direct; and no document or paper shall be removed therefrom by any person whatever without leave previously obtained from the General Synod, or, during its recess, from its stated clerk.

ART. 105. At least forty days before the regular meeting of the General Synod, its stated clerk shall furnish the stated clerks of the several Classes with the blank form of the credentials for delegates to General Synod.

STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY.

ART. 106. A student for the ministry is a member of the Church, who, believing himself called to become a minister of Christ, enters upon a course of study to prepare himself for that office.

ART. 107. Every student for the ministry shall place himself under the care of a Classis. When any one applies to be received as such, the Classis shall inquire as to his fitness, and if the result be satisfactory, take him under its care and exercise proper supervision over his studies and deportment. He shall pursue his course of study at a theological institution of the Church, unless Classis by a majority vote permits him to study elsewhere.

ART. 108. At every annual meeting of his Classis a student for the ministry shall submit a written report of the progress he has made in his studies, and also his circular or circulars from the institution in which he is studying. He shall not exercise ministerial functions, but may, during his senior year in the Seminary, with the consent of the faculty, occasionally preach, when invited by a pastor, or, in a case of vacancy, by those who have control of the pulpit.

LICENTIATES.

ART. 109. A licentiate is a member of the Church who, having completed a prescribed course of study, and sustained a satisfactory examination by Clas-

sis or Synod, has been authorized to preach the Gospel, and to accept a call from a pastoral charge or a missionary field.

ART. 110. A student for the ministry applying for licensure shall present to his Classis a written request to that effect, and also his certificate from the Theological Seminary or institution in which he studied. He shall submit to an examination, which shall be open to all the members of Classis and embrace at least the main subjects taught in the Theological Seminaries of the Church. Particular attention shall be paid to his piety, the purity of his intentions in seeking the ministry, his orthodoxy and his ability to teach. The report of such examination shall not enter into particulars, but simply state the result as satisfactory or unsatisfactory.

ART. 111. For good reasons licensure may be granted to applicants who have not completed the course of study prescribed for the Theological Seminaries; but in all such cases a unanimous vote of the Classis shall be required to authorize the license.

ART. 112. The examination of the applicant proving satisfactory, and the report of the examiners being adopted, he shall read aloud before Classis or Synod the following formula, and subscribe the same in a book kept for that purpose:

"I hereby testify that I honestly and truly accept the doctrine of the Heidelberg Catechism as in accordance with the Word of God, and promise faithfully to preach and defend the same. I also declare and promise that I will carefully observe all the ordinances which now are or may hereafter be enacted by the authorities of the Church, and that I will cheerfully submit to all their admonitions and decisions so long as I remain in connection with the Reformed Church.

"In testimony whereof I hereto subscribe my name, on the day and year written opposite."

Name.....

Date.....

Having thus attested his adherence to the doctrines and discipline of the Reformed Church in the United States, he shall be furnished with a certificate of licensure bearing the seal of Classis or Synod, and the signatures of the president and stated clerk.

ART. 113. A licentiate is permitted to preach the Word, but shall not administer the sacraments, perform the rite of confirmation, pronounce the benediction, or solemnize marriage. He is under the care and jurisdiction of his Classis, must attend its meetings and submit a written report of his labors, but he has no vote in Classis and cannot represent it in a higher court.

ART. 114. A licentiate shall not be admitted to ordination before he is twenty-one years of age, and has received a call from a pastoral charge, or has been appointed to a mission, or called to a professorship in an authorized theological or literary institution of the Church. A Classis shall not ordain him unless his call proceed from a pastoral charge within its bounds. In the case of a licentiate the acts of ordination and installation may take place at the same time.

ART. 115. A licentiate shall not preach regularly for a vacant congregation or pastoral charge without the consent of Classis or its Executive Committee. He shall be a member of that Classis within whose bounds he resides.

ART. 116. Licentiates from other ecclesiastical bodies, before being received as such, must be examined in the same manner as students for the ministry, and must subscribe the regular formula prescribed for licentiates.

THE SACRAMENTS.

ART. 117. The Sacraments of the Church, instituted by Christ, are two: Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

ART. 118. Children are ingrafted into the Church by baptism, and are subject to its care and discipline. As soon as they are old enough to learn the Catechism and to be benefited by the pastor's instruction, they should become members of the catechetical class.

ART. 119. A child may be baptized if one of its parents is a member of the Christian Church; but if neither is a member, it must remain for the present unbaptized. Should, however, one of its parents manifest a desire to be admitted to the communion of the Church, and promise to profit by the next opportunity, the child may be baptized.

ART. 120. Sponsors may be admitted in the baptism of infants, but the parents themselves must also assume every obligation. No person, however, shall be a sponsor, who is not in full communion with some branch of the Christian Church. This, in conjunction with the previous article, shall not be so construed as to prevent persons who adopt orphans or other children into their families from offering them to God in baptism.

ART. 121. Adults shall be baptized if the minister has ascertained that they possess correct views of Christian doctrine, give evidence of true repentance and faith, and are willing to yield obedience to the requirements of Christ. But if in these respects the minister discovers deficiencies, he shall direct them to attend the usual catechetical instructions, and afterward proceed in relation to them as with catechumens. If this, however, be impracticable, he shall in some other way suitably instruct them.

ART. 122. Baptism ought to be administered publicly in the church. The forms provided in the liturgy of the Reformed Church shall be used.

ART. 123. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be publicly observed in every congregation at least twice a year, and the celebration conducted according to the established order of the Reformed Church.

ART. 124. A service shall be held preparatory to the observance of the Lord's Supper, and the names of all communicants shall be recorded. Before the communion is administered, the Spiritual Council shall diligently inquire whether any member has departed from the faith, either in doctrine or in practice, to the end that all improper persons may be excluded from the Lord's table; and if the elders neglect this duty, the pastor is empowered to exercise this discipline alone.

ART. 125. Only confirmed members of the Church who are not under discipline, shall be admitted to the communion of the Lord's Supper. Members in good standing of sister congregations, and of other denominations holding the essential doctrines of the Gospel, may be invited to participate in the observance of this sacrament.

ART. 126. The Lord's Supper may be administered to the sick and infirm who are not able to come to the house of God, and yet desire to receive it. An elder may convey the elements to such persons when the pastor cannot personally minister to them. One or more persons should join in the private communion, and one or more elders ought to be present. Whenever possible the bread and wine consecrated in the church shall be used.

CHURCH RITES.

ART. 127. Confirmation, ordination and marriage are sacred church rites, which shall be administered according to the order prescribed in the liturgy of the Church.

ART. 128. Every pastor shall carefully prepare the youth in his pastoral charge for communicant membership in the Church by diligently instructing them in the doctrines and duties of the Christian religion. The Heidelberg Catechism shall be used in such instruction. No other shall be employed unless it has been approved by the General Synod.

ART. 129. Before admitting applicants for confirmation into full communion with the Church, the Spiritual Council shall be satisfied that the candidates understand the fundamental truths of the Christian religion and are governed by them in their walk and conversation.

ART. 130. In the act of ordination and installation, whether in the case of a minister, an elder or a deacon, only regularly ordained ministers of the Church shall take part. A person once ordained, whether he be a minister of the Gospel, an elder or a deacon, is ordained to his particular office for life.

ART. 131. Marriage is an ordinance of God and should be solemnized in accordance with the laws of the Church as well as of the State.

ART. 132. Members of the Church, having died in the faith and hope of the Gospel, shall be honored with a Christian burial. The burial service shall be conducted according to the order prescribed by the Church.

DOCTRINE.

ART. 133. The Holy Scriptures of the Old and the New Testament which are called canonical, being recognized as genuine and inspired, are received as the true and proper Word of God and the ultimate rule and measure of the whole Christian faith and doctrine.

ART. 134. The Heidelberg Catechism is the only book received as an authoritative expression of the truths taught in the Holy Scriptures, and acknowledged to be the standard of doctrine in the Reformed Church in the United States.

WORSHIP.

ART. 135. No order of worship shall be observed, and no selection of hymns used in the regular Lord's Day service, unless approved or recommended by the General Synod.

ART. 136. The chief festivals of the Church Year, Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, and all days appointed by proper ecclesiastical or civil authority for fasting or thanksgiving, should be duly respected and observed by congregations and families.

ART. 137. The Lord's Day (Sunday) shall be kept as a holy day, devoted to the public worship of the Lord in the sanctuary, to reading the Holy Scriptures, to private devotions, and to works of love and mercy. Week day meetings for prayer, and daily family worship, are also commended as important religious services.

DISCIPLINE.

ART. 138. Christian Discipline is the exercise of the authority and the application of the laws which the Lord Jesus Christ has established in His Church, to preserve its purity and honor, and to promote the spiritual welfare of its members. All Christian discipline is spiritual; and nothing shall be admitted as matter of accusation, or considered an offense, which can not be proved to be such from the Scriptures. The following sins especially merit discipline: heresy, schism, blasphemy, adultery, fornication, theft, fraud, perjury, lying, contentiousness, intemperance, profanation of the Lord's Day, and other violations of the Ten Commandments.

ART. 139. Discipline shall be exercised in the form of admonition, censure, erasure of name, suspension, deposition and excommunication.

ART. 140. All members of the Church, confirmed or unconfirmed, are subject to discipline. If the unconfirmed fall into sinful ways, the pastor and elders shall remind the parents and sponsors of their duty in regard to them, and shall also by direct approach seek to bring them to the obedience of Christ.

ART. 141. Judicial proceedings against alleged offenders shall be instituted only on accusation of a communicant member, or by a judicatory finding it necessary to investigate an offense.

ART. 142. Prosecution, initiated by a judicatory of the Church, shall be brought in the name of "The Reformed Church in the United States," as plaintiff; in all individual matters, the name of the accuser or prosecutor shall stand as plaintiff, the person or persons accused, as defendants.

ART. 143. The judicatory initiating a prosecution shall appoint a committee of one or more of its members to conduct the prosecution in all its stages until its final issue is reached; this committee may be changed by the judicatory that created the same, or said judicatory may appoint assistant counsel in the case at any stage of the proceedings.

ART. 144. Any plaintiff or defendant may be represented by counsel but only ministers and elders of the Reformed Church, in good and regular standing, shall appear as counsel in a Church Court.

ART. 145. No person who is a party, a prosecutor of his own motion or by appointment, or a counsel in a case, shall have a vote on any question affecting the decision of the case at issue.

ART. 146. Prosecutions in individual matters shall not be allowed, unless those means for reconciliation have been tried, which are required by our Lord, Matthew, 18: 15-17. "If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him of his fault between thee and him alone; if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the Church." This shall not be required, if the prosecution is in the name of the Church; but nevertheless, in every case efforts should be made by private conference with the accused, to avoid, if possible, the necessity of actual process.

ART. 147. Members of the Church, who, upon being convicted of an offense reject the admonition of the Spiritual Council, or of the church judicatory that found them guilty, or who have committed an act of public scandal, shall be suspended from the communion of the Church. Those thus suspended shall be treated not as enemies, but as erring brethren, and shall be admonished as such, in accordance with the apostolic direction, II. Thess. 3: 6-15. But if this suspension and these admonitions be ineffectual, offenders shall be excommunicated. "If he neglect to hear the Church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican." Matthew 18: 17. A suspension may or may not be announced publicly at the discretion of the church judicatory that tried the case; a sentence of excommunication, however, shall always be publicly pronounced.

ART. 148. If a member, after admonition by the pastor or elders, continues to neglect his duty as a member of the Church, or permanently absents himself from the public worship of the congregation, such conduct shall be considered an offense against the Church, and shall render the offender liable to discipline. But if he has estranged himself from the Church, so as to make it impossible for the Spiritual Council to reach him, his name shall be erased from the church register.

ART. 149. If a minister, an elder or a deacon commits an offense which brings dishonor upon the Church, or is punishable in the criminal courts, he shall upon trial and conviction be removed from his office, if an elder or a deacon, by the Spiritual Council, or, if a minister, by his Classis. In case a minister is involved in a grave public scandal, the Spiritual Council shall temporarily prevent him from exercising his ministerial functions, and refer him at once to Classis for trial.

ART. 150. If an ill report concerning the moral conduct of a minister, an elder or a deacon be in circulation, the Spiritual Council shall institute an immediate investigation, and proceed as the interests of religion and justice to the individual may require. If the Spiritual Council neglects to investigate ill reports concerning a minister, the Classis shall investigate them without waiting to be requested by the Spiritual Council. But if Classis discovers that the

Spiritual Council is already occupied with the case, it shall for a reasonable time await the result of the inquiry. No prosecution based on evil rumors shall be instituted, unless some particular sin or sins are specified, and the rumors are generally and extensively circulated, permanent and not transient, and accompanied with strong presumption of truth.

ART. 151. If a pastor has been suspended or deposed from his ministerial office, and no appeal in his case is pending, the relation between him and his pastoral charge is thereby dissolved, and the Classis shall declare his pulpit vacant.

ART. 152. Prosecutions must be based upon written accusations, drawn in the name of the party plaintiff and addressed to the judicatory having jurisdiction in the case. The names of parties, plaintiff and defendant, shall be clearly stated at the head of the document. Each offense shall be set forth as a separate charge, clearly and unequivocally. Each charge must be followed by the specifications, setting forth the facts relied upon to sustain it, giving as nearly as possible the time, place and circumstances of the offense, and the names of witnesses.

ART. 153. If a prosecution is brought by an individual for personal injuries, the accusation must state that the law of the Church, as laid down in Art. 146 of this Constitution and in Matthew 18: 15-17, was followed and observed by him, but remained unheeded by defendant; the prosecutor shall also state in his accusation that he has good and sufficient reason to believe the facts set forth in his accusation to be true and correct, and that he is not actuated by malice or ill will in making the charge, and he shall sign the accusation in his own proper handwriting.

ART. 154. Accusations drawn in the name of the Church shall be signed by the appointed prosecutor or prosecutors in their official capacity, as follows: "N. N., Committee appointed by N. N. for the prosecution of this case." If an accusation is brought upon an investigation of public rumors, this fact must be stated therein, together with the manner, form and result of the preliminary investigation.

ART. 155. Accusations must be filed in duplicate with the stated clerk or secretary of the judicatory to which they are directed, one copy thereof to be for the use of the prosecution and the other copy for the use of the defense. The clerk or secretary shall immediately inform the president of the judicatory of the filing of an accusation.

ART. 156. If an accusation is against a clerk or secretary of the judicatory, it shall be filed with the presiding officer, and he shall proceed to perform the duties of the clerk or secretary until another clerk or secretary is appointed for the occasion; and if it is against the presiding officer, the secretary or clerk shall proceed to perform the duties of the presiding officer in the case, until the judicatory can meet and appoint a presiding officer for the occasion.

ART. 157. The president of the court in which an accusation has been filed in manner aforesaid, or, in case of his disqualification, the secretary or clerk shall call a meeting of said court for the hearing of the case, in the man-

ner and form in which such court is usually called for the transaction of business. The secretary or clerk of the court, or, in case of his disqualification, the president, shall make out and in his official capacity sign a citation directed to the defendant or defendants named in the accusation, demanding him or them to appear in said court at a specified time and place, and answer the charge or charges contained in the accusation. Such citation and one of the copies of the accusation filed shall be served on the defendant or defendants, by handing a copy of the citation and a copy of the accusation to each defendant, or leaving them at his last known place of residence with an adult member of his family or household, at least ten days before the trial. The prosecution shall also be notified of the time and place of the trial, by the secretary or clerk of the court, or in case of his disqualification, by the president, at least ten days previous to the hearing.

ART. 158. The testimony of witnesses who cannot appear at the trial of a case on account of distance, ill-health, or other unavoidable circumstances, may be taken by either party before a notary public or a justice of the peace, *provided*, the party in whose interest the testimony is taken notify the opposite party at least ten days previous when and where the testimony is to be taken, and what he expects to prove. The opposite party may be present and cross-examine the witnesses, or send cross-questions which shall be asked the witnesses and answered by them. The testimony thus taken, when the notary or justice has certified thereto that said witnesses were first sworn or affirmed to testify the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth in the matter, that it was reduced to writing by him, and that it was taken at the time and place specified in the notice, may be read at any and all stages of the trial.

ART. 159. If the accused refuse to obey the summons, he shall be cited a second time to appear as soon as the court may deem reasonable, but not within less than ten days; and if he still refuse to appear, he shall not only be liable to censure for contumacy, but the court may proceed with the investigation and decision of the case as though he were present.

ART. 160. The president, clerk or secretary of the church judicatory which is to hear a case, shall, when requested, issue citations, requiring the witnesses named therein to appear before said judicatory to testify in the case, and stating therein the time and place of the hearing, the names of the parties, and the party in whose interest they are expected to testify. Such citation shall be served by handing to each witness required to appear a copy thereof, or by leaving the copy at his place of residence with an adult member of the family with which he resides. A person disobeying a citation thus issued and served, is guilty of disobedience and contempt of court, and may for such offense be suspended from the rights and privileges of the Church, or reprimanded by the church judicatory.

ART. 161. Trials shall be conducted in open or secret session, as the majority of the court may determine.

ART. 162. Exceptions to the jurisdiction of the court or the qualification of any of its members must be made immediately after the court is opened, either before or after the charge or charges are read, and questions arising in regard thereto must be decided before proceeding with the hearing of the case; and if none are made, all objections shall be deemed waived.

ART. 163. After the jurisdiction of the court and the qualifications of its members have been settled, or if no objections thereto have been raised, and the charge or charges have been read in open court, the defendant or defendants must enter a proper plea or answer to each charge. Should the accused acknowledge his guilt, the court shall enter a finding of "guilty," and shall impose the appropriate sentence upon the defendant. A refusal to plead or answer shall be taken as a plea of "not guilty."

ART. 164. If facts are disputed, or evidence is needed to throw more light upon facts not disputed, the witnesses, after being sworn or solemnly affirmed by the president or any member of the court whom he may appoint, shall be examined, and may be cross-examined by the opposite party. In the examination of witnesses and the presentation of the law and the evidence, the rules of the common-law courts shall be followed as nearly as possible.

ART. 165. All persons, whether parties or otherwise, are competent witnesses, except such as do not believe in the existence of God or a future state of rewards and punishments, or have not sufficient intelligence to understand the obligation of an oath. Any witness may be challenged for incompetency, and the judicatory shall decide the question.

ART. 166. A member of the judicatory may be called upon to testify in a case which comes before it. He shall be qualified as other witnesses are, and after having given his testimony may immediately resume his seat as a member of the judicatory.

ART. 167. Exceptions to any of the rulings of the court must be taken at the time they are made, or shortly thereafter, while the same subject is under consideration. All decisions and rulings of the court, to which exceptions are taken, as well as the objections, shall be distinctly stated in the minutes of the court, to be available in case of an appeal or review.

ART. 168. The whole proceedings and all the evidence in the case shall be accurately and fully recorded, and copies thereof furnished promptly to the parties, if demanded, at their expense. The fees charged for copies of the records and papers filed in a case shall not be more than ten cents for each one hundred words written, including certificate of correctness attached to the copy.

ART. 169. After the final submission of the cause, the court shall retire into secret session for consultation and decision. Decisions in judicial proceedings must be rendered by a majority vote of the members of the court present during the entire progress of the trial. A separate vote must be taken on each charge. No sentence of excommunication of a member, or of suspension or deposition of a minister, elder or deacon from office, shall be valid, except by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members voting. The decision

and the sentence of the court shall be publicly pronounced by the president, in the presence of the defendant or defendants, in case of their appearance; under all circumstances it shall be read in open court. Exceptions thereto, and motions for a new trial or for a mitigation of sentence, shall at once be heard and decided. Decisions, sentence, exceptions, further proceedings thereon, and notices of appeal shall, be duly recorded in the Minutes of the trial, in the order in which they occur.

ART. 170. Any member of the Church in good and regular standing shall have the right of complaint by petition, directed to any of the church judicatories, for grievances other than those that necessitate an accusation and a judicial proceeding by trial; *provided*, that due notice is given to the party against whom complaint is made.

ART. 171. All complaints shall be duly examined by the court to which they are made, and disposed of as it may deem right and proper, giving all parties concerned ample notice, time and opportunity for a hearing, so that a just, correct and intelligent conclusion may be reached.

ART. 172. If a complaint is against an individual or individuals, and of such a nature that a judicial proceeding by trial must be had to meet the aims and ends of right and justice, the judicatory having the matter under consideration shall inform the complainant that his remedy is by judicial proceeding.

ART. 173. If the official act or decision of an officer of the Church is the ground of complaint, the complaint shall be brought before the judicatory in whose name or authority he acted, and the said officer shall be served with an exact copy of this complaint, at least ten days before it is heard.

ART. 174. If the official decision of a church judicatory be complained of, the complaint shall be brought in the next higher court; such complaint and the reasons therefore must be filed with the stated clerk or secretary of the body complained of, within thirty days after the decision was rendered. The clerk or secretary shall thereupon notify the president of the judicatory, who shall appoint a committee to defend the action of such judicatory, and such complaint shall be, by the secretary or clerk, entered upon the records for transmission to the next higher tribunal; and such complaint shall be heard at its next session, unless thirty days have not intervened between the filing of such complaint and the session of such higher tribunal.

ART. 175. If an appeal is taken from the decision of a court in a case of complaint, the court that rendered the decision shall be the respondent and defend its position in the appellate court, by and through such representatives as said respondent may deem proper to appoint; said representatives, however, shall be ministers or elders of the Church.

ART. 176. A party to a judicial case or complaint, who feels aggrieved by the decision of a lower court, may, unless the action be necessarily final, appeal to the next higher court.

ART. 177. Irregularity in the proceedings; refusal to entertain an appeal or complaint; refusal of reasonable indulgence to a party on trial; receiving

improper or declining to receive important testimony; disregard of the provisions of the law, or of a preponderance of unimpeachable evidence; undue haste; manifestation of prejudice in the conduct of the cause; mistake or injustice in the decision, or in any of the rulings of the court in matters appertaining to the case; or undue severity of sentence; are good and sufficient reasons for an appeal.

ART. 178. Notice of an appeal must be filed in open court before the close of the session; and within thirty days after adjournment of the court, the reasons for such appeal must be filed with the stated clerk or secretary of the court appealed from.

ART. 179. The stated clerk or secretary of the judicatory appealed from, shall file with the stated clerk of the appellate court the records and papers filed in a case in which an appeal was regularly taken, or a certified copy thereof, on or before the second day of the next stated session of said appellate court.

ART. 180. An appeal arrests the execution of a sentence; but if the sentence is suspension, deposition or excommunication, it shall remain in force until finally reversed.

ART. 181. All cases of appeal of which the records and papers, or certified copies thereof, were placed in the hands of the stated clerk of the appellate court, shall be called up by him as soon as possible after the permanent organization of the court; he shall state the names of the original parties, read the accusation or complaint and the decision and sentence, state the names of the appellants and appellees, and read the reasons filed for the appeal.

ART. 182. In case the secretary or stated clerk of the lower court failed to file the records of an appeal, as provided in Article 179 of this Constitution, he shall be reprimanded by the court and referred to his judicatory for punishment; and the appellant or appellee may furnish a copy thereof, certified to as being correct by the clerk of the lower court, and such shall be taken as if it had been filed by the clerk.

ART. 183. The appellant shall appear in person or by counsel before the appellate court on or before the close of the second day's session of its stated meeting, next ensuing the date of the filing of his notice of appeal, and shall lodge an additional copy of his appeal, and specifications of the errors alleged, with the clerk of the appellate court within the time above specified. If he fails to do so, and to show to the satisfaction of the court that he was unavoidably prevented from so doing, his appeal shall be considered abandoned, and the judgment of the lower court shall stand. The court shall proceed to hear an appeal, the appellee appearing or not, unless it appears that notice of appeal was not served on him properly.

ART. 184. No testimony which has not been brought before the lower court shall be admitted in the higher court in the hearing of an appeal, except by the consent of both parties. If new evidence arises which is likely to alter the aspect of the case materially, it must be sent back to the lower court for a new investigation.

ART. 185. After an appeal is called up and stated by the clerk, the presiding officer of the court shall appoint a Committee, whose duty it shall be to take charge of all the records and papers in the case, examine the same thoroughly and report thereon :

1. Whether or not the appeal is regular and ready for hearing.
2. Propose to the court the day and hour the appeal shall be heard.
3. The time to be granted each party to present the case.

ART. 186. When the time appointed for the hearing of an appeal arrives, it shall have precedence over all other business, and shall be heard as follows:

1. The papers and records in the case shall be read in proper order, excepting what may be omitted by consent.
2. The parties shall be heard, the appellant opening and closing.
3. The vote shall then be separately taken, without debate, on each specification, the question being put in the form: "Shall the specification be sustained?" The specification having been read by the clerk and the question put by the president, the roll shall be called and the vote taken. If no one of the specifications be sustained and no error be found, the judgment of the inferior court shall be affirmed. If one or more errors be found, the appellate court shall determine whether the judgment of the lower judicatory shall be reversed or modified, or the case remanded for a new trial; and the judgment, accompanied with a recital of the error or errors found, shall be entered on the record. If the judicatory deem it wise, an explanatory minute may be adopted, which shall be part of the record of the case.

ART. 187. The parties to a case and those who acted as prosecutors, attorneys, counselors or representatives of the plaintiff or of the defendant, and also those who voted on the decision of a case in any of the lower courts, shall have no vote in the appellate court in the review of a judicial case, on any question touching the same. In the revision, however, of any other except a judicial case, every member of said appellate court shall have the right to vote.

ART. 188. The decisions of the last court to which an appeal is taken shall be valid and binding.

RESTORATION.

ART. 189. Members of the Church, deacons, elders, licentiates or ministers, who are under discipline, may be reinstated either by the Church Court which disciplined them, or with its official consent by a co-ordinate Church Court, *provided*, however, the evidence of their repentance and amendment is satisfactory. The reinstatement of a minister shall not be final until it is approved by Synod.

ART. 100. A minister or a licentiate who has been deposed for the sin of adultery or fornication, or for any offense that affixes a public scandal to his character, which no after repentance can remove, ought not to be restored to the ministry.

ART. 191. If a minister has been deposed, but not excommunicated, he shall be considered entitled to the rights of a lay member, and Classis shall furnish him with a certificate to any congregation with which he may desire to connect himself. Such certificate shall state his exact relation to the Church.

REPEALING CLAUSE.

ART. 192. All laws and ordinances heretofore passed or adopted by any judicatory of the Reformed Church in the United States, that are not in harmony with or are contrary to any of the articles and provisions of this Constitution, are hereby repealed and declared null and void.

ARTICLE XIX.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT CLERK ON SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

After the death of Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., the faithful and venerable Stated Clerk of General Synod, the Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D. D., L. L. D., President of General Synod, requested and authorized the Assistant Clerk to act as Stated Clerk until the General Synod shall fill the vacancy, and to take charge of the archives and documents and papers, etc., of General Synod in the hands of Rev. Dr. Reiter, deceased. A list of books presented to General Synod at different times was obtained from the minutes as follows:

Minutes 1863, p. 38, Opening sermon of Rev. Dr. J. W. Nevin.

Minutes 1869, p. 36. Western Liturgy. P. 66. Triglott edition of the Heidelberg Catechism.

Minutes 1878, pp. 21 and 52. German Sunday-school Hymn Book.

Minutes 1881, p. 27. Various documents and communications, etc., from the Clerks of the Alliance of Reformed Churches, etc.

Minutes 1887, p. 35, items 8, 9, 10, 11 and 17.

A popular Treatise on Baptism, by Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D.

Europe through American eyes, Prof. A. S. Zerbe.

A practical Church Register, etc., Rev. H. Loucks, D. D.

Two copies Catalogue of Ursinus College, 1886-87.

37th annual Catalogue of Heidelberg College, 1887.

Two copies, General Register of F. and M. College and Seminary, 1886-87.

The succession of 100 years, etc., United Brethren.

Lebanon, 1890. German Directory of Worship (fine binding). Won by Prayer, by Rev. A. R. Bartholomew.

Reading, 1893 Comparative Study of the Religion of the World Sealed unto Christ.

Proceedings of the Peace Commission.

Proceedings of the Liturgical Committee.

Manuscript Minutes and Reports of General Synod from 1863 to 1893.

Proceedings and Reports of the Council of Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System.

Printed Minutes of General Synod from various years.

There is only one complete copy of the Minutes of General Synod in the German language on hand. Our departed Stated Clerk had the Minutes of General Synod in the English language from the beginning to 1893 bound in two volumes for the better use of General Synod. The family of Dr. Reiter place them at the disposal of General Synod at such a price as Synod may place upon them. The General Synod should purchase them, for they are the only complete set available, and have them placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk with instruction to guard them sacredly and have them on hand for reference at the meetings of General Synod.

The set of Minutes in the German language should be bound and preserved.

There have been inquiries for Minutes of General Synod, of which none or one or two and three copies are still on hand. Some of them should be duplicated, especially those of the first, second, third and fourth meetings. It would be well if General Synod would have 500 copies of the meeting at Pittsburg printed and sell them at a nominal price.

The archives of General Synod should be permanently located at some place or another, where they are out of danger

from destruction and preserved for all coming time, and over which the Stated Clerk keep a careful oversight.

Rev. Dr. Reiter was careful and faithful to his trust in preserving the Archives, but notwithstanding his care many books presented to Synod are no longer to be found. They may never have come into the hands of the Stated Clerk so as to be placed in the archives.

The books still on hand are the following:

1. Opening Sermon, by Rev. Dr. J. W. Nevin, in Heidelberg Library, Tiffin, Ohio.
2. Three copies, Proceedings of the Council of Alliance of Reformed Churches, in Tiffin, O., Heidelberg Library, one or two copies.
3. Conference of Union of Reformed Churches.
4. Liturgy of the Reformed Church.
5. Hymns of the Reformed Church.
6. Proceedings of the Peace Commission, library of Heidelberg University, Tiffin, O.
7. Proceedings of the Liturgical Committee, library of Heidelberg University, Tiffin, O.
8. Manuscript Minutes of General Synod.
9. Minutes of General Synod, complete copy in German, Heidelberg Library, Tiffin, O.
10. Minutes of General Synod and District Synods of different dates.
11. Pamphlets of the new Constitution of the Church.

Those in the library at Tiffin can be obtained at any time and the rest are in the Second Reformed Church at Dayton.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB DAHLMANN, *Acting Stated Clerk.*

The foregoing Report on the Synodical Archives submitted to General Synod, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. C. S. Gerhard, D. N. Harnish and Elder H. W. Tuechter, who presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee on the report of Assistant Stated Clerk Dr. Dahlmann, who was appointed by the retiring president Rev. Dr.

Thos. G. Apple to act as Stated Clerk until the vacancy was filled, and to take charge of the archives, papers, documents, etc., in possession of the late Dr. Reiter, offer the following report:

Your committee is of the opinion that the Archives of the General Synod should be located in some city convenient to the Stated Clerk, and preserved in a fire-proof building. We are also of the opinion that catalogues of literary and theological institutions, and books published by private parties, or Church Publication Boards, should not go into the archives, but only such documents, papers and publications, as are connected with the acts and proceedings, and the history of General Synod. We offer the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, that the Archives be located in Reading, Pa., and preserved in a fire-proof building, under the care of the Stated Clerk.

2. Resolved, that only such documents, papers and publications, as are connected with the acts and proceedings and the history of General Synod, shall be preserved.

Resolved, that the set of minutes in the German language be ordered bound and preserved by the Assistant Stated Clerk as the property of, and for the use of General Synod.

4. Resolved, that the bound copy of the minutes in the English language, the property of the estate of the late Dr. Reiter, but very kindly placed at the disposal of the General Synod by Dr. Reiter's family, be purchased for ten dollars.

5. Resolved, that this copy of the minutes be placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk, who shall sacredly and carefully preserve it, and have it on hand for reference at the meetings of General Synod.

6. Resolved, that 500 copies of the Minutes of the General Synod of Pittsburgh, 1863, and 500 copies of the Minutes of the General Synod of Dayton, 1866, be published, omitting the statistical tables, and sold at 25 cents a copy, and that the Assistant Clerk be authorized to attend to this matter in connection with the publication of the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. GERHARD, *Chairman.*

The Standing Committee on Overtures, in items 33 and 34, reported the reception of several books with the compliments of the donors, entitled "Aid to Heidelberg Catechism", presented by Dr. James I. Good, and "Poverty's Factory", by Rev. Stanley L. Krebs, A. M. These books were accepted with thanks and ordered to be placed in the Synod's Archives.

ARTICLE XX.

F I N A N C E.

The Triennial Report of the Treasurer of General Synod was presented and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance to be audited. The Report is as follows:

I. CHRISTIAN G. GROSS, TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH
IN THE UNITED STATES.

	<i>Receipts.</i>	<i>Dr.</i>
May 24, 1893. To Balance in treasury.....	\$1390.18	
For Contingent Fund as follows:		
From Eastern Synod in full.....	\$1505.00	
" Synod of Ohio in full.....	325.00	
" " Northwest in full...	325.00	
" " Pittsburg in full....	275.00	
" " Potomac in full....	480.00	
" German Synod of the East in full.....	215.00	
" Central Synod in full.....	325.00	
" Synod of the Interior in full..	60.00	
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	3510.00	
Sept. 25, 1893. To Cash from Daniel Miller, Reading, Pa., for the plates and copyright of the Directory of Wor- ship, sold to him by the Publication Committee (Minutes page 214).....	300.00	
April 2, 1896. To Cash from Reformed Publishing Co., Dayton, O., for sale of copies of Directory of Wor- ship, (placed on sale by the Committee).....	6.00	
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	\$5212.18	

Expenditures. *Cr.*

Direct expenses in connection with the meeting of General Synod at Reading, Pa., in May 1893, viz:

To Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., amount advanced to Trunk Line Association (Min. 210).....	\$ 23.00
To Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Stated Clerk-Salary.....	125.00
To Rev. J. Dahlmann, D. D., Ass't. Stated Clerk-Salary.....	125.00
To Western Delegates, $\frac{1}{2}$ share travelling expenses(Min. 209)	304.55
To Rev. J. Dahlmann, D. D., Travelling expenses to meeting of General Synod and incidentals.....	21.85
To Daniel Miller, for printing election tickets and law points	7.50
To Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh for expenses incurred in Centennial observance by General Synod. (Min. 210).....	111.95
To Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Stated Clerk, for incidental expenses.....	82.00
To Reformed Publishing Co., Dayton O. for printing and mailing English Minutes.....	746.87
To German Publishing House, Cleveland, O. for printing and mailing German Minutes.....	528.06
To Rev. J. Dahlmann D. D., expenses in connection with printing German Minutes.....	7.28
To members of Sunday School Board (Not delegates) for travelling expenses to meeting held at Reading during Session of General Synod, viz: Rev. A. E. Baichly.....	25.45
Rev. J. H. Bomberger.....	12.50
Rev. D. B. Lady.....	14.00
Rev. A. E. Dahlmann.....	1.75
To Rev. J. M. Schick D. D., Expense in deliverance on the law points in Bethlehem appeal case.....	15.42
To members of the committee on revision of the Constitution, Travelling expenses etc. viz: Rev. H. H. N. Hibshman D. D.....	5.75
Rev. J. M. Titzel D. D.....	4.00
Rev. John Bachmann D. D.....	14.60
Rev. D. S. Fouse D. D.	15.00
Elder C. M. Boush.....	12.50
July 18. 1893. To the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer, being balance of royalties on Hymnals after deducting the expenses of the Hymnal Committee (Min. 195).....	158.52
To Rev. C. Clever D. D. expense in attending meeting of the Executive Committee of Sunday School Board at Pittsburgh Aug. 28. 1893.....	23.75

To Elder R. F. Kelker for type writing and incidental expenses in connection with selling the plates and copyright of the Directory of Worship.....	7.00
To Committee on correspondence with Reformed Church in Europe per Rev. J. H. C. Roentgen D. D. (Min. 210)....	9.79
Nov. 9. 1893. To the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, Rev. S. S. Miller Treasurer, being pro- ceeds from the sale of the plates and copyright of the Directory of Worship (Min. 214).....	300.00
To Rev. C. Cort D. D., for registration book.....	1.00
To Rev. J. A. Peters D. D., for expenses in attending meeting of General Assembly Presbyterian Church May 24. 1895	12.50
To Rev. J. Dahlmann, D. D., expense in attending meeting at Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 17, 1895, to report on Calvin Col- lege (Min. 219).....	26.00
To Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D.....	4.85
“ Rev. J. M. Titzel, D. D.....	5.00
Expenses incurred attending meeting of committee on the Fed- eration of Churches, held April 12, 1894.....	9.85
To Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D., travelling expenses to meetings in Pittsburg, Pa., and New York on subject of Co-opera- tion in Home Mission work.....	41.85
To members of the committee to consider the matter of Young People's Societies, (Min. 143), for meeting held in Lan- caster, Pa., Feb. 4, 1896, viz.: Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D. D..... Rev. E. D. Wettach..... Rev. D. W. Ebbert..... Rev. H. Mosser, D. D.....	8.07 21.75 5.86 1.00
For meeting held in Harrisburg, Pa., Apr. 8, 1896, Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D. D..... Rev. H. Mosser, D. D..... Rev. D. W. Ebbert..... Rev. E. D. Wettach.....	4.32 2.10 3.70 18.00
To the Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding the Presby- terian System, (Min. 209), the following payments, viz: Nov. 28, 1893	200.00
March 10, 1894.....	190.00
Sept. 27, 1894.....	390.00
April 26, 1895.....	390.00
Oct. 23, 1895.....	270.00

Total expense.....	\$4308.94
May 27, 1896. Balance in treasury.....	913.09
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	\$5222.03

Respectfully submitted

CHRISTIAN G. GROSS, *Treasurer.*

The vouchers and accounts of the Treasurer of General Synod were examined and found correct.

Dayton, Ohio,

June 4, 1896.

T. J. HACKER,

JOHN W. PONTIUS.

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance, during the afternoon of the last day of the sessions, submitted the following report, which was received and together with the Treasurer's report was adopted:

Brethren:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer of General Synod, the action with reference to payment of one-half of the traveling expenses of delegates beyond the Mississippi; the items with reference to bills, covering items of expense incurred by Synod; the sum of \$1200 for the Reformed Alliance, together with several items from the reports of committees on Home and Foreign Missions for apportionments on the several Synods, would offer the following:

1. We have audited the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct. Summary of the Treasurer's Report:

Receipts	\$5212.18
Expenditures	4299.09
Balance.....	<hr/> \$ 913.09

2. Your committee has apportioned the sum of \$4200 for contingent expenses of General Synod upon the several Synods, the above sum being deemed sufficient to cover the various items of expense referred to us.

3. Your committee has apportioned the sum of \$1015 for Harbor Missions, \$45,000 for Home Missions, \$6000 for Hungarian and Bohemian work, \$6000 for German work in large cities,

and \$35,000 for Foreign Missions upon the Synods, to be re-apportioned by them upon the Classes each year for the next three years.

Your committee makes the apportionments as follows:

Synods.	Contingent Expenses.	Home Missions.	Harbor Missions.	Hungarian and Bohemian.	For Work among Germans.	Foreign Missions.
Eastern Synod.....	\$1800	\$25100	\$435	\$2590	\$2590	\$15000
Ohio-Synod.....	400	5500	95	550	550	3300
Synod of North West.....	350	4100	95	550	550	3200
Pittsburgh Synod.....	300	9700	140	450	450	2600
Potomac Synod.....	700	65	840	840	840	5100
German Synod of East.....	250	65	370	370	370	2500
Central Snod.....	350	95	550	550	550	3100
Synod of Interior.....	50	600	15	100	100	200
	\$4200	\$45000	\$1015	\$6090	\$6000	\$35000

*Expenses of Delegates from beyond the Mississippi as reported by
Rev. D. B. Shuey.*

Classes.	Name.	Whole Fare.	Half Fare.
Iowa.	Rev. D. H. Fouse	\$14.60	\$7.30
"	" S. Ream	14.60	7.30
"	Elder H. Tandy	21 00	10.50
Kansas.	Rev. J. W. Love	18.00	9.00
"	" H. S. Gekeler	21.30	10.65
"	Elder J. W. Kiefer	22.00	11.00
"	Elder Fred Isely	24.34	12.17
Witchita.	Rev. D. B. Shuey	22.60	11.30
"	Elder J. P. Remsberg	26.10	13.05
Lincoln.	Rev. D. A. Winter	27.30	13.65
"	Elder W. A. Kifer	35.16	17.58
Ursinus.	Rev. C. G. Zipf	20.00	10.00
"	Elder Geo. Riedesel	30.00	15.00
Minnesota.	Rev. H. Treick	20.27	10.14
Nebraska.	" F. Huellhorst	23.51	11.78
Missouri.	" W. F. Horstmeier	10.80	5.40
S. Dakota.	" H. W. Stienecker	32.13	16.07
		\$383.77	\$191.89

5. Your committee would furthermore call the attention of the Synods to the expediency that they pay one-third of the sum apportioned for contingent expenses each year to the Treasurer of General Synod.

6. Your committee recommend that the several bills of expense ordered by the Synod be paid by the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. J. HACKER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during the afternoon session on Friday, reported in item 18, that the Stated Clerk had been instructed to have a certain number of the Minutes of Synod printed. The following report was received and adopted :

The undersigned hereby reports that the Stated Clerk of General Synod had in accordance with instructions of General Synod 5000 copies of the Minutes of the Eleventh Triennial Meeting, held in 1893, officially published, in the usual form in the English and through the Assistant Clerk 2000 copies in the German language ; and that they were distributed among the several District Synods, according to the ratio of the apportionment made respectively for contingent expenses upon the membership of the Church.

Respectfully submitted

JACOB DAHLMANN, *Assistant Clerk.*

On motion, the following action was adopted.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have 6000 copies of the Minutes of the present, the twelfth triennial session of the General Synod, duly authenticated, published in the English, and the Assistant Clerk 2000 copies in the German language, and distribute them among the District Synods according to the ratio of the apportionment for contingent expenses based upon the membership of the Church.

The following instructions to the Stated Clerk were received and adopted.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk is hereby authorized to ask the several publication houses for bids for printing proceedings

of General Synod, and award the same to the lowest bidder, under contract to have the same complete and distributed within three months.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to send hereafter a copy of Minutes of General Synod to the library of each of our theological seminaries and colleges.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be and hereby is instructed to purchase a serviceable block and gavel for the use of the presiding officer of the General Synod, that he take charge of the same, and see that it be on hand, whenever the Synod meets.

Resolved, That the bids for the printing of the Minutes of this Synod shall be submitted separately for the English and the German minutes.

DISPOSAL OF PLATES AND COPYRIGHT OF DIRECTORY OF WORSHIP.

In regard to the sixth item in the Report on Overtures a special committee was appointed consisting of Revs. Dr. E. R. Eschbach, Wm. H. Shultz, and Elder Fred J. Brandt, who submitted the following report on Wednesday's session which was received, amended and adopted.

Your Special Committee to whom were referred item 19, pages 214 and 215 of Committee on Minutes of General Synod and Item 6 of the Committee on Overtures, with the documents pertaining to said items, would present the following as their report, viz.:

From the Minutes of General Synod we learn that the Publishing Committee of the Directory of Worship was instructed to sell the stereotype plates of the same together with the copyright "to the highest bidder and buyer, who shall represent one of the publishing houses of the Reformed Church in the United States."

From the report of the committee we learn that they misunderstood and misinterpreted the instructions given them and because better terms could be secured from Daniel Miller, Esq., a publisher of the Reformed Church they executed a bill of sale to him for \$300, Sept. 1893, and that said amount was paid over

to the "Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows," in accordance with instructions.

In view of these facts your Committee recommends that the General Synod instruct its Treasurer to pay to Mr. Daniel Miller the sum of three hundred dollars with legal interest accrued thereon, thereby returning to him the amount paid by him to us in the matter ; that General Synod purchase from Daniel Miller the stock of unbound copies, he has on hand, not to exceed 1500 at twenty-five cents per copy provided he transfer to General Synod all his right, title in court and claim in the Directory of Worship and that a committee be appointed to attend to the execution of this resolution with power to draw on the treasury of the General Synod for the amount necessary in the execution thereof and expenses had therein.

Your Committee would recommend that as soon as matters are settled with Mr. Daniel Miller in regard to the Directory of Worship that the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States retain the copyright of the Directory of Worship ; the Standing Committee on Hymnal of the General Synod acting as agent for the Synod in the matter ; and that the Publication Board of the three Eastern Synods : the Publishing House of the German Synods, and the authorized Publishing House of the Ohio Synod shall have the right and privilege to publish and sell the Directory of Worship in whatever shape and form they or either of them deem proper, paying for said privilege to the treasury of General Synod a royalty of five cents per copy to reimburse General Synod for the outlay had in the adjustment of this matter, and that the said Committee is hereby authorized and empowered to sell the copies of the Directory of Worship, purchased from Mr. Daniel Miller, to such person or persons, at such price or prices as deemed right and proper to said Committee and to the best advantage of the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *Chairman.*

In Minutes of the Synod of the Interior, item 6, page 61, 1895, General Synod is overruled to make provision for the publication of the Reformed Church Hymnal and the Directory of

Worship, or such forms of it, as may be needed for general worship, in one volume.

In response to this overture the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given, in future editions of the Directory of Worship, to print in full the Gospel and Epistle lessons, for all the Sundays and festivals of the Christian Year, instead of merely indicating the same, as in the present edition of the book ; and also, that permission be given to publish such a selection of forms from the Directory of Worship as may be deemed advisable, and that the publication of such editions is under the supervision of the Hymnal Committee.

CONCENTRATION OF PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

The 5th item, in the report of Minutes of Ohio Synod, suggesting the concentration of the publishing interests of the Church, was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. A. S. Weber, J. M. Mickley, C. S. Wiegand, Elders A. Stolte Edw. J. Williamson, who presented the following report, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit :

Fathers and Brethren :

Your Committee on Overture from the Ohio Synod asking for the concentration of publication interests in one place, and for the placing of all business management and profit into the ownership of General Synod, beg to report that they have carefully canvassed the questions involved with the following result :

They believe such concentration of publication interests to be desirable, for the reason that it would render possible improvements in the regular weekly church papers, such as are generally wished for throughout the Church, and deemed important for the best interests of our communion ; it would make possible the reduction of subscription prices to those papers ; and it would result in not inconsiderable revenues for the treasuries of our various beneficent Boards.

They believe also, that at this time it is impracticable to effect the concentration of all publication interests. The financial difficulties are insuperable. Unexpired contracts made by

the Tri-Synodic Publication Board stand in the way. Private interests also, which are entitled to the most careful protection, would be jeopardized. Accordingly your Committee suggests the following action :

Resolved, That whilst impracticable at present to unite all our English publications under a single Board, this Synod looks forward to the unification of all our English publication interests just as in the case of the missionary and Sunday-school publications.

Respectfully submitted

A. S. WEBER, *Chairman.*

The following action concerning the Triennial Reports of the various Boards of the General Synod and the publishing of the Minutes of General Synod were adopted : .

Resolved, That the Boards of the General Synod be and hereby are directed to have their triennial reports printed for general distribution, and that a sufficient number be submitted to Synod, to place a copy in the hands of each member of Synod.

Resolved, That in addition to the printed report, each Board submit an abstract, embodying the requests and recommendations of the report, that may require action by the General Synod.

The following action was adopted :

Resolved, That the various blanks necessary for pastors to make their reports be ordered printed by our Stated Clerk ; and that he and the Assistant Stated Clerk be the persons holding the blanks, and from whom pastors shall obtain them.

ARTICLE XXII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Nomination, during the morning session on Tuesday, submitted its report through the chairman Dr. S. G. Wagner. The report was received and adopted. The Committee was instructed to have 300 copies of the Nominations printed, and the election was made the order of the day at 3 o'clock. At the time appointed the election was held. Revs. D. E. Schoedler, A. A. Black, Henry C. Nott, and Elders B. Y. Shearer, E. H. Burkholder, Daniel Clinger, Alvin P. Zellner and Dr. S.

P. Heilman were appointed tellers, who, having distributed the printed tickets among the members of the Synod, received and counted the ballots, and reported the results of the election to Synod through the President. For the results of the election, see Articles XI, XIII, XIV and XV.

After the completion of the Synodical roll, at the opening of the Synod, and a quorum was found in attendance, the several officers of Synod except the Assistant Clerk were duly elected. The Stated Clerk Dr. I. H. Reiter having died, the election to fill that position was made the order of the day on Thursday at 10 o'clock. At the time appointed the election was held ; the President appointed Revs. Dr. Bachmann, S. Seaman, N. H. Skyles, Elders G. F. Hobson and John H. Shook tellers. The ballots were received and counted, and the result was announced to Synod as reported in Article III on elections. On the eighth day of the sessions Elder Christian G. Gross was reelected Treasurer.

ARTICLE XXIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OUR LITERARY AND THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS.

The catalogues of our several Literary Institutions presented to Synod in the Report on Overtures were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. A. E. Truxal, N. H. Skyles, Wilson F. More, Elders L. C. Zeichiel and Joshua P. Remsburg, who submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Your special committee, to which were referred catalogues and papers of educational institutions, begs leave to submit the following for adoption:

From these catalogues and papers we learn—

1. That Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., are the institutions of the three Eastern English District Synods. They are the first and oldest institutions of the Reformed Church in this country, and are both in a flourishing condition. The seminary has lately been much enlarged by the endowment of several additional professorships,

and the erection of a new building of modern style and arrangement, complete in all its appointments. The college has also been much improved by increased teaching force, and by the addition of various educational appliances, and now has in progress of execution a plan for the securing \$500,000 of additional endowment. Rev. John Sumners Stahr, Ph. D., D. D., President of the College; Rev. Eman'l Vogel Gerhart, D. D., L. L. D., President of Theological Seminary.

2. Heidelberg University at Tiffin, Ohio, is the Literary and Theological Institution of the Ohio Synod. Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., is the acting Chancellor; Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., is President of the Theological Seminary, and Rev. John A. Peters, A. M., D. D., is President of the Literary department. The institution is in a prosperous condition. For the accommodation of its patrons a number of different departments have been established in the university for both male and female students. The institution is well supported, and its outlook for the future is very encouraging.

3. Das Missions Haus at Franklin, Wis., is the Literary and Theological Institution of the three German Synods, viz: the Synod of the North West, the Central Synod and the German Synod of the East. This institution has accomplished much good in the past in the advancement of the Reformed Church among the German population in our land, and the internal and external improvements that are being made from time to time, will enable it to produce still greater and better results in the future. Prof. H. A. Muehlmeier, D. D., President.

4. Your committee has not received a catalogue from Catawba College at Newton, N. C., but learns on reliable testimony that the institution is in a prosperous condition, with more than a hundred students in attendance.

5. Mercersburg College, founded in 1865, as at present conducted, is a high grade Academy for boys, under the care and support of the Potomac Synod, located in the historic town of Mercersburg, Pa. The equipment of the school has during late years been much improved. The large attendance of students has necessitated additional buildings for the accommodation of

students and professors. Rev. Wm. Mann Irvine, Ph. D., President.

6. Allentown College for Women, founded in 1867, is an institution established and maintained by East Pennsylvania and Lehigh Classes. It is full of life and vigor and has within the last few years been much improved in every way. Through the generosity of Elder Jacob Y. Dietz of Philadelphia, the institution was enabled during the past year to erect a new building, complete in all its appointments, containing well furnished chapel and society rooms, and a properly equipped gymnasium. The school is accomplishing a good work in the cause of female education in the Reformed Church. Rev. J. W. Knappenberger, A. M., President.

7. Ursinus College at Collegeville, Pa., founded 1869, is under the care and management of a self-perpetuating Board of Directors, three-fourths of whom are members of the Reformed Church. This institution has lately been greatly improved through the generous gifts of Mr. Robert Patterson of Philadelphia, Pa., and by support given by other friends. The number of its students has been increasing. It is in a prosperous condition. Rev. H. T. Spangler, D. D., President, Rev. Jas. I. Good, D. D., Dean of the School of Theology.

8. Calvin College of Cleveland, Ohio, founded in 1883, is owned and controlled by Erie Classis. The special aim of this institution is to furnish young men an opportunity of securing a German-English education, so that whatever pursuit of life they may subsequently follow, they will be able to use both languages with equal proficiency. This school has already borne good fruit and may in the future become an important factor in the development of our American church life. Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, D. D., LL. D., Presideet.

9. The Woman's College of Frederick, Md., is an institution under the auspices of the Potomac Synod. It has for an historic foundation the Frederick Female Seminary, chartered in 1840. It became the possession of the Reformed Church by lease only a few years ago. The present management is efficient and successful. The work done by it is giving entire satisfaction to

the patrons of the school. The future is full of promise for this institution. Prof. Jos. H. Apple, President.

These two institutions maintained in the interest of education for young women are schools of a high grade, and afford advantages equal to those of other similar institutions in the country, and deserve the hearty encouragement and support of the entire church.

10. The Reformed Church Herald, published in St. Joseph, Missouri, is the official organ of the Synod of the Interior. It is edited by Rev. H. S. Gekeler, assisted by a number of Associate Editors of said Synod. It is full of missionary zeal and devotion and will no doubt be a great help in laying the foundations of the Reformed Church in the West.

Upon the foregoing, and all other institutions of learning in the Reformed Church the gracious benediction of the Lord Jesus Christ is invoked by General Synod ; and they are hereby heartily commended to the prayers, support and patronage of all the pastors and people within our borders.

Respectfully submitted

A. E. TRUXALL, *Chairman.*

The following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed, hereafter to send a copy of the Minutes of General Synod to the library of each of our Theological Seminaries and Colleges.

ACTION RESPECTING CALVIN COLLEGE.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, in item 20 reported a request coming from Erie Classis, pertaining to Calvin College, which was submitted to a special committee. The committee presented the following report during the session of the second day, which was adopted :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the request of Erie Classis with reference to Calvin College, begs leave to offer the following report :

A careful examination of the Constitution of the Reformed Church has convinced the members of your Committee, whose names are hereto attached, that for the General Synod to take under its direct care and control a Literary or Theological Insti-

tution, would require an amendment to the Constitution of the church.

Moreover, the Committee also believes that, if the right of the General Synod to take any institution under its direct care could be established, it would, nevertheless, be unwise for it to do so under existing circumstances. Either all of the institutions of the church should be under the care of the General Synod, or else none of them, if jealousy and strife are to be avoided.

We would, therefore, recommend the following action :

Resolved, That, under existing circumstances, the General Synod does not consider it proper to comply with the request of Erie Classis as regards Calvin College.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. TITZEL,
JACOB DAHLMANN,
GEO. B. RUSSELL,
F. G. HOBSON,
JOHN W. BICKEL,

Committee.

REPORT ON THE ERECTION OF A MONUMENT IN MEMORY OF REV.
MICHAEL SCHLATTER.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during Thursday afternoon session stated in item 6, that a committee was appointed in regard to the erection of a suitable monument in memory of Rev. Michael Schlatter.

The following report was received, and adopted.

Your Committee to whom was referred the project of providing the funds necessary for the erection of a suitable monument in Franklin Square, Philadelphia, to the memory of Rev. Michael Schlatter, who through his pioneer and extensive missionary labors accomplished a great work for the Reformed Church in the United States, would respectfully report that comparatively little has been done owing partly, to the death of Rev. C. U. Heilman, the chairman of the committee and one of the originators of the movement, who had mapped the work out to sub-committees,

and, partly, to a diversity of sentiment among the members of the Committee as to the propriety of the project at this late day, when there are so many pressing demands upon the church in carrying forward its various benevolent operations, and also in view of the fact that we have a well-written history of the life and times of Rev. Schlatter, together with the sacrifice, he made and the noble work he accomplished in the book written by Dr. Harbaugh, and widely circulated in the church. Most of your Committee are also of the opinion that little would be added to the memory of Schlatter, which is now engraved upon the hearts of a large portion of our people by what they have read and heard of his earnest and devoted life and of the noble work he did, by the erection of a monument in Franklin Square, Philadelphia, where his remains rest quietly in some unknown spot, where but few of our people would ever have the opportunity of seeing it and where the present environment are not in accord with the object and purpose for which the structure is to be erected. Should the Synod, however, see fit to go forward with the project your Committee would suggest the erection of said monument in Laurel Hill Cemetery where many of those who were well acquainted with Rev. Schlatter and aided him in the noble work he accomplished are buried and where all the surroundings are in harmony with what we propose to do.

For the reasons herein expressed your Committee thought it best not to proceed further with the work committed to our hands until the Synod would re-consider the project and give further instructions.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD,
EML. V. GERHART,
B BAUSMAN,
WM. A. HALE,
J. H. STEPLER,
H. M. HOUSEKEEPER,
JACOB Y. DIETZ,
GEO. M. EHRLEN.

SCHLATTER MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted, to wit:

Whereas the Potomac Synod has taken measures to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the planting of Reformed congregations within her borders by the pioneer missionary labors of Rev. Michael Schlatter in 1747 and

Whereas the Coetus, the original ecclesiastical body of the German Reformed Church in the United States, was also organized in 1747, mainly through the efforts of Rev. Michael Schlatter, therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Home Missions of General Synod be requested to take steps to have memorial services held throughout the Reformed Church during 1897, to commemorate the services of the great organizer of our Reformed Church work in the United States, and the creation of the Coetus, or Mother Synod, in Philadelphia 150 years ago,

Resolved, That in connection with the proposed sesqui-centennial service, our people be earnestly requested to contribute liberally toward the \$100,000 Church Extension Fund, already called for by action of General Synod, and that said fund shall be known as the Michael Schlatter Memorial Fund.

ENDOWMENT-FUND FOR BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

The 17th Item in the Report on Overtures, concerning a Reformed Ministers' Endowment-Fund for Beneficiary Education, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dr. A. B. Koplin, Geo. A. Whitmore and Elder Joshua P. Remsberg. The following report on this subject was presented and adopted.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the communication from Rev. Hiram King, requesting General Synod to create a "Reformed Ministers' Endowment-Fund for Beneficiary Education" respectfully begs leave to report as follows:

The Scheme of your petitioner involves that this Fund shall be known as "The Ministers' Endowment-Fund for Beneficiary Education": that a general plan for gathering and controlling the fund be devised by General Synod, to be sent down to the District Synods for adoption; that each District Synod shall have

sole control of its local fund: that the contributions to the Fund be made in twenty-five dollar shares, and that a General Synod's Board be created. Your Committee, in its judgment, would recommend the following as the best answer to the petitioner—

Whereas the General Synod has no Institution of learning under its care: and whereas those Synods, which have Schools of the Prophets, have their Boards of Education through which the cause of the education of indigent young men for the ministry is successfully carried forward, therefore—

Resolved, that General Synod can not see its way clear at the present time to enter upon the proposed scheme.

Resolved, that the cause of Beneficiary Education be, and hereby is earnestly commended to the Synods and Classes, to secure funds for the furtherance of this worthy object.

Resolved, that the Bank draft accompanying this overture, together with the compliments of General Synod, be conveyed to the petitioner.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. KOPLIN, *Chairman.*

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.

The 25th Item in "Report on Overtures" concerning International Arbitration, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. L. D. Steckel, E. N. Kremer, A. A. Black; and Elders Wm. Moyer and Christian Uthbrock, who subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted.

Your Committee, to whom was referred, Item 25, in "Report on Overtures," in reference to international arbitration, begs leave to report the following:

To his Excellency, The President of the United States:

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States assembled at Dayton, O., wishes you grace, mercy, and peace.

We believe, that the time has come, when all civilized nations are ready to see and acknowledge, that all international differences can be adjusted more fully in accordance with righteousness and truth, by arbitration, than by arms.

We also believe, that war for the settlement of differences between nations is dishonorable, so long as any honorable peaceable means are possible, we therefore, unite in assuring your excellency, together with all others of our sympathy, co-operation, and prayers in every effort made by you in the establishment, of boards, or courts of international arbitration, so that, when all the usual means of diplomaey prove inadequate, these international conrts may render a deeision.

These decisions, made by impartial representative citizens of both nations, we believe, would always be more fully just to all parties concerned, than would in any event be reached by resort to arms. Much more, such a cause would hold in subjection the baser elements in man, and exalt and honor the Prince of Peace, whose will it is our advantage to do, and whose commands it is our injury to disobey.

That the Stated Clerk be requested to transmit a copy of this action, to the President of the United States.

Respectfully submitted

L. D. STECKEL, *Chairman.*

PETITION OF THE CENTENARY REFORMED CHURCH,
WINCHESTER, VA.

The 24th Item in Report on Overtures—concerning certain claims of the Centenary Reformed Church, Va., was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. Drs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, J. W. Love, Rev. J. B. Andrew and Elders F. G. Hobson and N. L. Brewer—who subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted.

Your Committee to whom was referred the overture of the delegates from the Virginia Classis presenting the petition of the Centenary Reformed Church of Winchester, Va., requesting that the Board of Home Missions of this ehureh be empowered to fill the vacancy in the Committee appointed by the Tri-Synodic Board, to press upon Congress the claim of said Church for compensation for the use and occupation and destruction of its property by the Federal forces during the late war, and asking Synod to urge the payment of the claim upon the Congress of the

United States, respectfully report that they have considered the overture, together with the petition of the congregation and consistory, and of the Board of Trustees of the said Centenary Reformed Church of Winchester, and a transcript of the evidence adduced in support of said claim, and that they find that it is necessary and proper to empower the Board of Home Missions, which has charge of the matter, to fill the vacancy upon the Committee of the Tri-Synodic Board, caused by the death of Elder D. S. Keller, and they would recommend that the Hon. J. A. Stahle, a member of Congress from the 19th Pennsylvania District be elected to fill said vacancy.

They would also recommend the passage of the following resolution by Synod:

Resolved, that in the judgment of this Synod the claim of the Centenary Reformed Church of Winchester, Va., for the use, occupation and destruction of its property during the late war, by the Federal forces, is a just one and should be paid by the general government, and that the Congress of the United States be respectfully requested to take favorable action to that end. All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. R. DIEFFENBACHER, *Chairman.*

ARMENIAN SUFFERERS.

The 6th Item in Report on Minutes of the German Synod of the East concerning the Armenian sufferers, was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. I. N. Peightel, Jno. F. Moyer, M. Loucks and Elders A. P. Zellner and Geo. Nehr, who presented their report which was adopted.

Your Special Committee raised in response to Item 7, P. 34 Minutes of the German Synod of the East for 1895 in reference to the Armenian outrages would respectfully offer the following:

Whereas we have learned from most creditable sources of the unprovoked persecution and slaughter of tens of thousands of our Fellow-Christians in Armenia by representatives of the Turkish Government, and

Whereas the Sultan of Turkey is either unable or unwilling to put a stop to these inhuman barbarities, therefore be it

Resolved, by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States that we hereby give expression to our heartfelt sympathy for these brethren in their affliction and distress.

Resolved, that we raise our voice in deep and solemn protest against the seeming apathy and indifference on the part of the Christian nations of the world to these inhuman barbarities.

Resolved, that we as representatives of the Christian world earnestly remember these oppressed brethren at the throne of Grace that our Heavenly Father may overrule the designs of wicked men for the glory of His name and the ultimate welfare of His children.

Respectfully submitted,

I. N. PEIGHTEL, *Chairman.*

ACTION ON TEMPERANCE QUESTION.

The 27th item in the Report on Overtures, in regard to a request coming from the Woman's Keely League at Pittsburgh, Pa., was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Jas. W. Mabry, David A. Winter, C. Borchers, Elders Chas. Weirich and Wm. A. Pence, which subsequently presented the following report, which was adopted :

Your Committee, to whom were referred papers with reference to the Temperance question, would submit the following resolutions for adoption :

Resolved, That the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S. recognize the earnest efforts of all temperance organizations, laboring for the restraint and suppression of the liquor beverage traffic, and the sin of intemperance.

Resolved, Furthermore, that as a reply to the Woman's Keely League, respecting the overture to the International Committee of the Evangelical Alliance, the Corresponding Secretary of this Synod be instructed to refer said League to the action of the General Synod on the subject of Temperance.

Minutes of 1887, page 167.

REPORT ON RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod in item 16 reported the appointment of a Committee to secure reduced rates of railroad travel to General Synod at Dayton. The following report was submitted on Thursday during the afternoon session and adopted :

To the General Synod :

Owing to the lamented death of the Stated Clerk of General Synod, the duty of arranging with the Rail Road authorities for reduced rates of travel to this Triennial Meeting of General Synod, devolved entirely upon the undersigned chairman, the only remaining member of the Rail Road Transportation Committee, appointed by the General Synod at Reading three years ago.

Negotiations were begun as early as March 9, 1896, which were delayed by the imposition of more stringent and complicated conditions, than those designated by the RailRoads in former years.

With the valuable assistance of Rev. B. S. Stern, as representative of the Dayton brethren, your chairman finally succeeded in making satisfactory arrangements with F. C. Donald of Chicago, Ills., Commissioner of the Central Traffic Association, and through him with the Western Passenger Association, the Trans. Missouri Pasgr. Association, the Southern Pasgr. Association and the Trunk Line Association, compredending all the principal Rail Road Systems between New York City and the Rocky Mountains. Some of the General Passenger Agents were rather tardy in notifying local Ticket Agents, but we have reason to believe that where the delegates and others carefully attended to the instructions given in the church papers, they had little or no trouble in getting certificates, securing a reduction of one-third of the regular rates of travel in coming to the General Synod at Dayton, Ohio.

The thanks of General Synod are due to the Rail Road authorities named above for the favors granted.

Rev. B. S. Stern made a deposit of twenty-three dollars with Commissioner Donald to meet the expenses of the Special Agent (Mr. G. N. Farnham) who came on to vise the certificates in behalf of the Rail Roads.

Bro. Stern also had other expenses in attending to this matter amounting to three dollars. The undersigned, apart from his traveling expenses in coming to Synod to countersign the certificates according to the appointment of Commissioner Donald, had expenses amounting to two dollars and fifty cents. I am happy to be able to state that the conditions of the guaranty which we were obliged to give, have been handsomely met. Instead of 100 delegates and others in attendance upon this triennial meeting of General Synod, and the Woman's Missionary Meeting, we have signed certificates of 250 persons, to say nothing of those who came by other methods of Rail Road travel, such as clerical tickets, mileage books, round-trip tickets, full fare, etc., and who are not counted in making good the guaranty this time as they were three years ago.

The experience gained in this work during the past nine years, as chairman of this committee, confirms the suggestion of the representative of the Rail Road authorities, that the matter had better be placed in the hands of one person, with power to draw in advance upon the Treasurer of General Synod for the stipulated guaranty fund amounting this year to twenty-three dollars.

I am sorry that a few brethren, who did not deem it necessary to read the instructions given in the church papers, have been obliged to pay full rates of travel both ways. But they have learned something and will no doubt do better next time.

Respectfully submitted,
CYRUS CORT, *Ch. Com. R. T. Gen'l Synod.*

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of General Synod be given to Rev. C. Cort, D. D., and Rev. Benj. S. Stern for their services in securing reduced rates of Rail Road travel.

Resolved, That the expenses of the Committee and the traveling expenses of Dr. Cyrus Cort, to wit \$20, be paid by the Treasurer of General Synod.

Resolved, That Dr. Cyrus Court be continued as agent of Synod to secure similar rates for the next General Synod, and that he be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer of General Synod for the guarantee fund.

During the morning session on Saturday, Rev. D. B. Shuey and Elder J. R. Hilbush were appointed a committee on "Leave of Absence". Shortly before final adjournment the committee reported, and the same was adopted. The leave of absence is noted by the number appended to the names of delegates excused. See Article II, Members present.

An invitation was extended to General Synod to visit the National Soldiers' Home, near Dayton, on Friday at 1:30 P. M., in the electric cars, free of expense. The invitation was accepted with thanks. Synod visited this National Soldiers' Home in a body, held an order of service in Memorial Hall according to a prearranged programme, viewed the different buildings, passed to and fro surveying the extensive grounds, and returned to their respective places of entertainment, highly gratified with what they had heard and seen.

At the beginning of the sessions the following reporters were appointed : Rev. J. D. Buehrer, Dayton Daily Herald ; Rev. J. C. Hornung, Dayton Daily Press; N. A. Loucks, Times, Xenia; Mr. Bauderburg, Dayton Daily Journal ; Rev. Parley Zartman, Christian World ; Rev. Philip Vollmer, Deutsche Volksfreund, N. Y.; Rev. Dr. R. C. Zartman, Public Ledger, Philadelphia ; Rev. Frank Grether, Kirchenzeitung ; Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D. D., Reformed Church Messenger ; Rev. A. S. Weber, Baltimore Sun. A report was received stating that the work was attended to. The report was accepted and adopted, and the resolution of thanks duly recorded.

A Committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. O. H. Strunck and D. H. Leader, to take the record of the names of advisory members of Synod, and also the names of visiting brethren of other churches, who had them announced daily at the opening of the morning session.

Masters Rob't Hall, Oliver Ruff, Carl Coons, Harry Snyder, Earl Miller and Samuel Loucks were appointed by General Synod as Pages. These attended to their duties faithfully, rendering to Synod in various ways their kindly assistance.

An invitation was extended to General Synod by the Superintendent of the Diakonate Hospital of Dayton to visit that institution. The invitation was accepted and members of Synod embraced the opportunity in visiting the institution at such times as were convenient.

Miss Laura H. Jenkins, of Dayton, O., was employed as a stenographer and type-writer to assist the clerks in preparing the Minutes, for which service General Synod awarded her \$25.00. The thanks of Synod were returned to the Agent of the Remington Type-writer for the use of one of his new machines.

Rev. Benj. S. Stern, who was acting as temporary stated clerk after the death of Dr. Reiter, in preparing the Synodical roll and in assisting Dr. C. Cort in making arrangements for securing reduced rates of travel for members of Synod, was awarded \$15.00.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay Rev. Chas. A. Miller, pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, seventy-five dollars for the use of the church and in defraying incidental expenses.

ARTICLE XXIV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion the following resolutions of thanks were unanimously adopted, to wit :

Resolved, That this Synod hereby tenders its heartfelt thanks to the members of the Reformed Church, and other citizens of

Dayton, Ohio, for the generous hospitality extended to the members of the Synod. And we would especially note the efforts of Rev. Charles E. Miller, pastor, the Committee on entertainment, and the pages for their untiring efforts, to minister to the comforts and convenience of the members of Synod.

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Synod be tendered to Governor Thomas of the National Soldiers' Home for the courtesies extended in our visit to said home.

Resolved, That our thanks are especially due to the several Railroad Companies, which granted reduced rates of transportation to delegates and others attending this Synodical meeting, and that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to send copies of this resolution to the representatives of the several companies.

Resolved, That the thanks of this General Synod be hereby most heartily extended to the Press of this city, which published such full accounts of our proceedings, especially to the representatives of the papers on the floor of Synod, for their faithful reports of the work of the Synod, and to the Reformed Publishing Company for their beautiful souvenir presented to the members of Synod.

Resolved, That these resolutions be furnished to the city papers for publication.

By order of General Synod,

JNO. PHIL. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

The Roll of General Synod was called and no one was absent without permission or excuse. The journal of Thursday's sessions was read and approved, and the Minutes of Synod were ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following was adopted before adjournment, namely :

Resolved, That when General Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in the 2d Reformed Church of Tiffin, Seneca County, Ohio, on Tuesday after Whitsuntide A. D. 1899, at 7:30 P. M.

The Synod adjourned finally on Friday morning, June 5th, at 1:30 o'clock with repeating the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, singing the Long Metre Doxology and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

JNO. A. PETERS, *President.*

JNO. PHIL. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

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JNO. PHIL. STEIN, *Stated Clerk.*

Minutes of Fourth Triennial Meeting
OF THE
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF
GENERAL SYNOD.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod convened in fourth triennial session in the First Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio, May 27—30, 1896. The Executive Committee met on the evening of May 27, at Trinity Church for prayer and conference.

Thursday—9 A. M.

Meeting opened with devotional exercises led by the President, Mrs M. E. Whitmore. The Secretary being absent, Miss Jennie S. Clever was appointed Secretary *pro tem.* with Miss Kate Lanx as reader.

Enrollment of delegates. Thirty delegates representing 23 Classes answered to their names. Twenty-eight Classes besides those of the German Synod of the East were not represented.

Reporters appointed for Church periodicals and Dayton papers.

Reading and adoption of minutes of last triennial meeting, also actions of Executive Committee during past three years.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Credentials: Mesdames Grace F. Burger, H. E. Kilmer, A. M. Keifer

Statistics: Mesdames C. H. Stein, G. F. Bareis, H. B. Blosser.

Auditing: Mesdames P. Keil, C. R. Ferner, Miss Christie Dietz.

Resolutions: Mesdames T. H. Sonnedecker, D. W. Gerhard, Miss Lillie Zerbey.

On motion it was decided to nominate officers by ballot and do away with the Nominating Committee.

The Report of Committee on *Woman's Journal* was received and discussion and adoption deferred till afternoon session.

Adjournment.

Thursday—1:30 P. M.

Meeting opened with devotional exercises led by Mrs. M. G. Lahr. Mrs. Loucks of Dayton followed with a hearty greeting to the women of General Synod. Mrs. Whitmore responded in a few well chosen words.

The first item of business was the discussion of the *Woman's Journal*. The report of the committee showed a debt of over \$600.00 on the Journal with almost this amount standing on the books. The discussion was introduced by an overture from Reading Classis recommending the consolidation of the Journal with some other periodical in the Church. Also a similar overture from Mrs. Yockey. Remarks, favoring a consolidation with the Missionary Guardian, were made by Mrs. Anna Kieffer, Mrs. Hahn and Mrs. D. W. Gerhard. On motion Mrs. Yockey was requested to read her paper on the *Benefits of the Woman's Journal*, as it had a bearing on the subject. Rev. Miles O. Noll addressed the Society referring to the unsettled condition of the publication interests of the Church. Remarks by Rev. J. W. Love, who recommended that a committee of three be appointed to confer with the Publication Board and see what could be done towards the consolidation suggested. Mrs. Yockey, Mrs. Beaver and Miss Anna Kieffer, committee. A motion, made and carried, to secure subscriptions to meet the deficit on Journal and Mrs. D. W. Gerhard appointed solicitor. The Committee on Consolidation returned without a report, as the Publication Board was not in a position to act in the matter at this time. After much discussion it was decided to continue the publication of the Journal as such until further action could be taken by the Publication

Board-Treasurer's report read by Mrs. Anthony. Referred to Auditing Committee.

Mrs. Burger and Miss Emma Zerbey were appointed a committee to overture General Synod and presented the following:

Resolved, "That we hereby request General Synod not to apportion for the support of the Girls' School at Sendai, inasmuch as the W. M. S. G. S. has assumed the support of said school."

General Synod in reply heartily commended the work of the women and readily granted their request. The Society decided that hereafter all money paid for the support of Japanese students should not be credited on the apportionment of the congregation. Some misunderstanding has arisen as to the proper channels through which missionary moneys should be paid so that the women should receive due credit. Moneys should be paid through Congregational to Classical treasurers; through Classical to Synodical, and through Synodical to General Synodical treasurer. The attention of Classical treasurer is directed to the support of the contingent fund of W. M. S. G. S.

Mrs. P. H. Holloway presented the following:

Resolved, That the W. M. S. G. S. instruct the various synodical societies to give classical societies due credit for all moneys paid towards the workings of the Church through its apportionment system, and that proper blanks be prepared with a column provided in which all such moneys may be reported, provided duplicate receipts are properly sent. Resolution adopted.

Adjournment.

On Thursday evening a public meeting was held. An address on Hungarian work by Rev. John Prugh. Papers on Mission work by Mrs. P. Holloway and Miss Warner. Meeting followed by a reception from Reformed ladies of Dayton.

Friday—9 A. M.

Meeting opened with devotional services led by Mrs. Beaver.

Miss Anna M. Kieffer presented an excellent paper on "Children's Work in the Church." The Society's approval of

Miss Kieffer's suggestions was shown by a rising vote. The President appointed the following as a Committee on Children's Work : Miss Anna M. Kieffer, Mrs. D. B. Shuey, Mrs. H. M. Herman, Miss Charlotte Voigt, Miss R. H. Schively, Mrs. R. L. Gerhart. The business of this Committee shall be to publish the *Mission Band Helper*; frame a constitution for Mission Bands; pamphlets containing hints to leaders, occasional leaflets; to see that literature is distributed, and by studying the methods of other churches, to improve our own Children's department. Rev. P. C. Prugh offered a few words of encouragement.

The *Publishing Committee* presented its report which was accepted. The following were appointed a committee to revise blanks to report to Executive Committee.—Mrs. C. H. Stein, Mrs. A. M. Keifer, Miss Anna M. Kieffer.

Report of “*Plan of Work*” Committee read by Mrs. Herman, but laid on the table to receive Committee on Foreign Missions from General Synod.

Society addressed by Rev. E. R. Williard recommending the inauguration of Mission Work in China. Dr. Callender followed with remarks on the progress of our work in Japan and the advisability of taking up new fields. He reported 27 beneficiary students in the Girls' School at Sendai. Mr. Lemberger, Treasurer of Foreign Mission Board, instructed the Society how to send contributions so that the W. M. S. should receive proper credit. The following was offered :

Resolved, That we heartily support any action that General Synod may take toward establishing missions in China.

The “*Plan of Work*” report was taken up and after discussion was adopted.

Question box opened and called forth interesting discussion.
Adjournment.

Friday afternoon.

Meeting adjourned to join General Synod in an excursion on the electric cars to the Soldiers' Home and places of interest about the city.

Saturday—9 A. M.

Devotional exercises led by Mrs. Hahn.

Mrs. Dotterer of Philadelphia, and Miss Elizabeth Barnhart of Greensburg, Pa., were elected delegates to represent this Society at the International meeting of the Women's Foreign Mission Societies at Glasgow, Scotland; and were instructed to purchase a copy of the proceedings for the *Woman's Journal*.

Miss Kieffer presented the report of Committee on Children's Work which was adopted. The *Mission Band Helper* has heretofore been the work of the Woman's Mission Society of Eastern Synod but now has become the work of the whole Church. The finances of the *Helper* were discussed; an appropriation asked for and authority to solicit financial support from Synodical Societies. Gen. Synodical Society appropriated \$25.00 to this object. All Classical presidents were urged to bring the *Mission Band Helper* before the congregations and to secure its circulation among the children.

It was moved and carried that an order be drawn on the treasurer for \$60.00 due the *Woman's Journal* for publishing Historical Sketch minutes, etc.

Mrs. Anthony and Miss Giller were appointed a committee to confer with General Synod on the joint publication of Minutes.

Report of Committee on Blanks received and adopted.

Statistical report received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions was adopted.

Committee sent to confer with Synod reported favorably.

On motion decided that the minutes of this meeting be printed in connection with those of General Synod.

Saturday—1:30 P. M.

Meeting opened with Bible reading led by Mrs. Yockey.

Auditing Committee reported Treasurer's books correct.

Appointment of Standing Committees.

Election of officers. A motion made to accept the one having the highest number of votes as the nominee.

After discussion as to the eligibility of those not delegates, it was decided that delegates only should hold office. The election resulted as follows :

PRESIDENT, Mrs. H. M. Herman, Miamisburg, Ohio.

VICE-PRESIDENTS, Presidents of Synodical Societies.

RECORDING SECRETARY, Miss Jennie S. Clever, Cleversburg, Pa.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, Mrs. T. H. Sonnedecker, Tiffin, Ohio.

TREASURER, Mrs. Nettie Anthony, Myersdale, Pa.

The President-elect took the chair and made a short inaugural address.

On motion it was decided to hold the next triennial meeting at the time and place at which General Synod would meet.

Miss Zerbey read an instructive paper on General Missionary Literature.

Mrs. M. E. Whitmore was elected editor of the *Woman's Journal*.

A motion made and carried to have the minutes of this meeting printed also in the *Journal*.

A motion to have the constitution of the W. M. S. G. S. printed in Journal once a year was carried.

Mrs. Beaver offered the following to be presented to General Synod : *Resolved*, That we, the members of the W. M. Society respectfully ask the members of your reverend body to help us by your encouragement, co-operation and advice in the work of conducting the *Woman's Journal*. Resolution adopted.

On motion it was decided that this Society pay the expenses of its officers at the triennial meetings.

On motion the following was adopted as colors and motto for the W. M. S. G. S.—Black, Gold, and Red—“From darkness into light, through the blood of Christ.”

The Society accepted a correction of Art. II. of the constitution, offered by Mrs. S. B. Yockey, of the committee that drafted the constitution, making it read as follows : “The object of this society shall be to aid in the advancement of the work of

Christian Missions in home and foreign lands, with a view especially to the enlightenment and elevation of women to a saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ both at home and abroad.

After a few parting words from the President the Society sang "Blest be the Tie that binds"; the President offered an earnest prayer followed with the benediction by Rev. D. A. Winter, when we adjourned to meet in triennial session three years hence.

JENNIE S. CLEVER, *Sec. pro tem.*

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Executive Committee: The officers with Mrs. M. E. Whitmore, Mrs. D. W. Gerhard, Mrs. F. B. Hahn, Mrs. S. B. Yockey, Mrs. H. C. Blosser.

Publication Committee: Mrs. M. D. Schaeffer, Mrs. S. B. Yockey, Mrs. W. A. Kifer, Mrs. C. H. Stein, Miss Kate Giller.

Plan of Work Committee: Mrs. H. M. Herman, Mrs. D. B. Shuey, Mrs. F. B. Hahn, Mrs. A. M. Keifer, Miss Jennie S. Clever.

Woman's Journal Committee: Mrs. Grace F. Burger, Mrs. D. A. Winter, Mrs. D. W. Gerhard, Mrs. G. F. Bareis, Mrs. I. M. Beaver.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF GENERAL SYNOD FROM ALL SOURCES, FROM JUNE 1893 TO JUNE 1896.

From W. M. S. of Pittsburgh Synod.

For Foreign Missions.....	\$2313.93
" Home Missions.....	1492.00
" Church Extension.....	82.00
" Contingent expenses.....	12.00 \$3899.93

From W. M. S. of Ohio Synod.

For Foreign Missions.....	\$1492.47
" Home Missions.....	1556.13
" Church Extension.....	500.00
" Contingent expenses.....	41.40 \$3590.00

From W. M. S. of Eastern Synod.

For Foreign Missions.....	\$3766.45
" Home Missions.....	3887.55
" Church Extension.....	225.00
" Contingent expenses.....	55.06 \$7934.09

From W. M. S. of Synod of Interior.

For Foreign Missions.....	\$ 139.84
“ Home Missions.....	463.05
“ Contingent expenses.....	3.50 \$ 606.39

From Potomac Synod.

For Contingent expenses.....	\$ 52.00
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From W. M. S. of Mercersburg Classis.

For Foreign Missions.....	\$ 155.00
“ Home Missions.....	135.00
“ Contingent expenses.....	8.00 \$ 298.00

From Sundry Sources.

For Foreign Missions.....	\$ 914.64
“ Home Missions.....	74.80
“ Contingent expenses, <i>Journal</i> , etc.....	164.74 \$1154.18
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CONDENSED TRIENNIAL SUMMARY.

SYNODS.	CONFERENCES.	CLASSES	MINISTERS	CONGREGATIONS.	MEMBERS UNCHURCHED.	BAPTISMS.	ADDITIONS.	CONFIRMED.	CERTIFICATE.	COMMUNION.	DISMISSED.	EXCOMMUNICATED.	DEATHS.	DUNDAY-SCHOOLS.	OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.	PUNDAY-SCHOOL SCHOLARS.	STUDENTS FOR MINISTRY.	BENEVOLENT PURPOSES.	GENERAL PURPOSES.	Contributions.				
1. Eastern Synod.	2. Synod of Ohio.	3. Synod of North West.	4. Pittsburgh Synod.	5. Synod of Potowmack.	6. German Synod of the East.	7. Central Synod.	8. Synod of the Interior.	Total Gain.																
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1894.....	10. 142 214	17137 21682	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
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STATISTICAL SUMMARY—SYNODS AND THEIR CLASSES.

SYNODS AND CLASSES.

	Number of Ministers.	Number of Congregations.	Baptisms.	Additions.	Contributions.		Minutes of Synod.
					Debts.	Sunday Schools.	
I. Eastern Synod.							
East Pennsylvania.....	271	514	94036	51579	4567	607	4825
Lebanon.....	32	51	10746	6148	581	14	413
Philadelphia.....	19	52	10810	6382	556	35	487
Lancaster.....	35	34	6308	1667	289	183	378
East Susquehanna.....	38	41	6264	3137	256	146	322
West Susquehanna.....	18	58	5255	3726	563	13	453
Giohenhoppen.....	16	29	7740	3897	386	36	338
Lehigh.....	29	39	7913	4184	421	61	382
Schuylkill.....	32	53	13447	7319	756	1322	783
Wyoming.....	24	42	6335	3865	434	23	279
Miami.....	126	228	21682	6232	726	623	1416
Zions.....	28	54	53442	1027	103	153	321
Lancaster.....	15	29	2616	820	85	47	144
Thinearawas.....	23	47	5454	1712	221	161	309
Eastern Ohio.....	28	33	2543	885	113	72	227
St. Joseph.....	15	28	3445	888	112	65	142
Youngstown.....	17	37	2282	700	92	117	201
2. Ohio Synod.							
Miami.....	143	218	20942	14584	2015	25	1068
Zions.....	21	34	4111	2885	258	7	191
Shelbyean.....	29	28	2575	2164	321	100	108
Indiana.....	24	37	4350	2827	349	6	296
Milwaukee.....	18	22	2195	1268	171	95	76
Nebraska.....	12	19	1316	946	166	1	67
Ursinus.....	11	13	1415	926	124	6	86
Missouri.....	9	11	909	725	105	1	24
Chicago.....	7	7	919	525	170	61	45
South Dakota.....	4	33	1174	1323	198	12	649
Youngstown.....	65	127	127	649	12	26	54
Waukesha.....	26	26	629	629	26	26	54

4. Synod of Pittsburgh.

' 71	136	16276	.9793	.824	134	' 725	...508	13727	...3583	.1	' 448	...297	.121	...1226	10556	...128	169,44	8	...73,421	.....
Westmoreland.	16	..31	4294	2769	.241	.52	.165	.143	3578	.91	.31	.82	.29	.159	3177	.5	8	5,014	8	...18,192	
Clarion.	13	..31	3474	2146	.152	.27	.167	.101	2975	.66	.176	.64	.29	.227	2156	3	3	2,697	10,966	.....
St. Paul's.	12	..21	2660	1305	.124	.25	.144	.77	2260	.63	.165	.40	.20	.240	1516	3	3	2,277	14,708	.....
Somerset.	16	..15	3485	2306	.180	.16	.143	.81	2907	.86	.89	.63	.29	.321	2191	.1	1	2,530	14,612	.....
Allegheny.	16	..15	2343	1267	.127	.14	.106	.106	1998	.52	.107	.48	.14	.192	1477	1	1	4,425	14,942	.....
5. Synod of Potowmac.	162	306	35507	26526	.1926	.396	.1950	.961	30239	.609	.4	.572	.806	.290	.3163	29785	.54	8	32,224	8	...153,884
Zion's.	13	..33	4642	2592	.277	.46	.255	.134	3779	.23	.100	.118	.46	.367	4749	.5	8	3,527	8	...15,806	
Maryland.	39	62	8975	5178	.517	.42	.401	.256	783	.205	.103	.196	.57	.558	7557	.9	9	9,228	.....	.....
Mercersburg.	17	..26	3407	1799	.147	.97	.199	.143	2818	.24	.179	.74	.26	.408	2724	.6	6	45,326	16,775	.....
Virginia.	18	..32	2390	1172	.105	.24	.117	.24	1957	.20	.17	.56	.27	.206	1864	3	3	2,150	12,335	.....
North Carolina.	17	40	3140	1857	.126	.54	.2.5	.85	2575	.30	.25	.89	.35	.250	2448	.6	6	6,309	.....	.....
Gettysburg.	17	29	5536	35722	.311	.23	.253	.94	4849	.67	.20	.153	.28	.367	4139	.10	10	5,790	18,979	.....
Carlisle.	11	21	2315	1079	.92	.32	.137	.51	2045	.62	.13	.53	.20	.282	1989	.6	6	2,279	9,560	.....
Pittsburg.	20	49	5570	3240	.277	.72	.297	.161	4815	.18	.17	.90	.12	.45	523	.11	11	4,510	25,965	.....
Juniata.	10	13	532	486	.74	.26	.13	.288	.288	.3	.3	.10	.5	.408	405	.9	9	221	2,277	.....
Portland-Oregon.	10	13	532	486	.74	.26	.13	.288	.288	.3	.3	.10	.5	.408	405	.9	9	221	2,277	.....

6. German Synod of East.

New York.	56	.56	14383	10102	.2295	.33	.782	.792	.11411	.95	.573	.485	.55	.10892	.1084	14	8	8,271	8	...82,628	256
West New York.	12	..12	2315	.2074	.631	.15	.182	.113	1715	.22	.137	.70	.9	.1828	.192	.5	8	1,264	8	...12,703	.....
German Philadelphia.	9	..11	3339	.2434	.261	.2	.146	.91	2773	.25	.179	.118	.12	.1883	.208	.5	8	2,041	8	...12,500	86
German Maryland.	21	..21	6318	.3642	.1052	.15	.261	.458	5063	.25	.190	.211	.24	.5400	.490	.5	5	3,469	8	...37,010	144
German West Pennsylvania.	9	..9	2110	.1766	.318	.1	.80	.100	1584	.6	.165	.85	.8	.1711	.164	4	4	1,410	8	...17,100	30
5	..3	2981	.186	.33	.13	.30	.13	.30	1584	.6	.165	.85	.8	.1711	.164	4	4	1,410	8	...17,100	30

7. Central Synod.

Erie Classis.	82	.114	19771	11722	.1244	.58	.805	.760	14592	.246	.5	.489	.105	.12996	.1579	.33	8	17,005	8	...99,912	.712
26	..32	6310	.3195	.507	.6	.304	.177	4816	.78	.4	.200	.139	.30	.2732	.503	.11	8	3,903	8	...22,189	.....
23	..33	4608	.2606	.231	.27	.172	.85	3346	.57	.45	.83	.167	.31	.2706	.409	9	9	4,084	8	...27,105	207
18	..30	5581	.3308	.285	.23	.204	.155	3648	.70	.4	.124	.148	.27	.344	.411	8	8	6,289	8	...30,000	200
15	..19	3282	.1873	.221	.2	.125	.143	2732	.41	.2	.82	.94	.17	.2214	.256	5	5	2,689	8	...20,618	112

8. Synod of Interior.

Illinois.	50	.68	2965	.1261	.153	.90	.221	.194	2320	.95	.122	.49	.62	.634	.3614	.6	8	3,897	8	...21,911	1090
Iowa.	14	..21	810	.410	.49	.12	.47	.34	629	.17	.57	.13	.22	.222	1175	.5	5	1,270	8	...9,120	340
Kansas.	12	..11	651	.307	.34	.13	.33	.33	663	.45	.20	.8	.15	.153	.932	2	2	1,192	8	...6,526	254
Wichita.	6	..10	391	.202	.25	.19	.41	.27	506	.9	.20	.18	.11	.120	.479	1	1	3,471	8	...1,611	161
Lincoln.	4	..5	229	.130	.10	.3	.8	.9	193	.3	.4	.21	.4	.9	.516	3	3	468	8	...1,871	140

1) This Report is incomplete.

THE SYNODS AND THE CLASSES.

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES.	CHARGES.	Baptisms.				Auditions.				Contributions.				Post Office ADDRESS.	
		Congregations.	Members.	Infants.	Adults.	Certificated.	Profession.	Renewal of.	Auditors.	Benevolent.	Purposes.	Congregational.	Purposes.		
I. Eastern Synod.															
<i>East Penna. Classis.</i>															
Cyrus J. Becker.....	Hovertown.....	2	592	451	.28	.1	.26	.9	492	.9	.2	.38	.4	279	\$ 1498
Daniel F. Brendle, D. D.	Farmersville.....	3	580	350	.29	.1	.29	.9	412	.6	.2	.40	.30	308	6 Catasauqua, Pa.
Robert Lisbrough, D. D.	St. Peter's.....	2	101	30	.8	.1	.29	.75	75	.2	.5	.29	.20	45	1528
T. C. Porter, D. D., LL.D Prof.	Lafayette College.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3040	5 Bath, Pa.
Horace Daniel.....	Superannuated.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Easton, Pa.
W. D. C. Rodrock.....	Engaged in Bible work.....	1	379	150	.27	.2	.26	.8	305	.4	.....	.....	.....	.....	Washington, N. J.
William H. O. Stein.....	St. Mark's, Easton.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Paterson, N. J.
Thos. A. Huber.....	Moore Township.....	1	847	592	.22	.2	.22	.3	300	.6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
J. E. Smith.....	Kreutersville.....	2	700	400	.24	.1	.26	.6	480	.3	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 Bath, Pa.
J. G. Neff.....	Without charge.....	1	611	360	.42	.1	.18	10	471	.11	.18	.18	.16	420	12 Cherryville, Pa.
Franklin W. Smith.....	Pleasant Valley.....	3	552	175	.10	.1	.27	10	405	.5	13	.2	.52	202	12 Hamburg, Pa.
H. M. Kieffer, D. D.	Third St., Easton.....	1	290	153	.24	.15	.13	13	345	.2	13	.2	.47	147	12 Effort, Pa.
Wilson P. More.....	Salem, Catasauqua.....	1	269	113	.5	.....	2	151	.2	11	.1	.24	.29	338	14 Easton, Pa.
J. O. Lindbach.....	Christ Church, Bath.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	220	.2	11	.1	.29	222	14 Catasauqua, Pa.
John Wolbach.....	Without charge.....	2	457	140	.21	.2	.9	15	402	.5	16	.1	.18	1683	14 Easton, Pa.
S. P. Mauger.....	Mt. Bethel.....	1	504	190	.13	.9	9	35	220	.4	12	.1	.16	504	16 Broadheadsburg, Pa.
G. A. Schwendes.....	Christ Church, Bath.....	1	618	542	.19	19	63	460	120	14	13	13	13	3235	16 Bethlehem, Pa.
Silas F. Laury.....	Broadheadsburg.....	2	315	205	.18	4	4	21	300	2	25	10	1	350	16 Bethlehem, Pa.
Albert Lobach.....	St. Paul's, Bethlehem.....	1	46	450	.27	2	1	8	300	2	25	10	1	348	16 Bethlehem, Pa.
Robert C. Weaver.....	Forks.....	1	385	248	.21	2	1	5	220	.2	16	.1	.34	325	16 Bethlehem, Pa.
W. H. Wolring.....	Dryland.....	2	625	275	.22	3	3	28	230	.1	3	23	.4	160	16 Bethlehem, Pa.
Geo. J. Lisberger.....	Plainfield.....	2	385	163	.26	.1	.18	6	332	.4	16	.3	.40	400	12 Nazareth, Pa.
John F. DeLong.....	Freemansburg.....	2	270	150	.26	1	8	15	205	.4	6	.3	.31	330	12 Nazareth, Pa.
James B. May.....	Bangor.....	2	315	205	.18	4	4	17	400	4	2	.2	.34	325	12 Bangor, Pa.
L. M. Kersher.....	Towamensing.....	3	463	245	.23	17	6	400	4	14	3	.30	290	11 Parryville, Pa.	
O. P. Steele.....	Grace, Easton.....	1	180	130	.12	3	3	120	120	1	4	1	.22	120	11 Parryville, Pa.
H. H. W. Libbushman, D. D.	Stroudsburg.....	1	100	60	.19	9	15	84	1	1	1	.17	.110	61	1158
Paul M. Spangler.....	Tannersville.....	1	228	150	.23	1	.34	10	112	.5	20	.9	.54	205	8 Stroudsburg, Pa.
Irvin M. Bachman.....	East Manch Chunk.....	1	148	49	.21	.1	.19	10	112	.5	21	.21	.50	205	8 Tannersville, Pa.
A. H. Libbushman, supply.	Hamilton.....	2	183	40	.2	1	1	130	4	1	3	.2	.11	200	8 E. Mauch Chunk, Pa.
John F. DeLong, supply.	Rittersville.....	1	150	90	.2	1	1	3	95	.4	1	.10	.75	200	8 E. Stroudsburg, Pa.
Thomas B. Krick.....	Weissport.....	2	270	135	.36	1	1	8	190	.1	9	.5	.2	337	6 Stroudsburg, Pa.
E. L. Kemp.....	Prof. Stroudsburg, N. S.	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	739	8 Weissport, Pa.

Lic. T. A. Fenstermacher	Philadelphia, Pa.
Ministers 34.....	
Lebanon Classis.	
Jonathan E. Hiester, D.D.	
Thomas C. Leinbach	
Eli E. Hiester	
Daniel B. Albright	
James A. Schultz	
Richard S. Appel	
Adam J. Bachman	
Henry J. Welker	
William J. Kershner	
D. Stambaugh	
Samuel A. Leinbach	
Bethany	
Thomas M. Yundt	
Ernest Klopff, D.D.	
Jonathan V. George	
Warren J. Johnson	
Albert Gonsor	
Calvin Fisher	
Henry Illich	
J. H. Heilmann	
Swatara #*	
Bellman#	
Grace Church, Avonil.	
Licentiate	
Anselm V. Hiester	
Elmer E. II. Leinbach	
Ministers 21.....	
Philadelphia Classis.	
H. W. Super, D.D., L.L.D.	
E. D. Shoemaker	
H. H. Hendrick	
Cyrus Cort, D.D.	
Publish. of Ch. Periodicals	
Christ Church	
James Crawford, D.D.	
Joshua D. Detrich	
John H. Sechrist, D.D.	
Henry T. Spangler, D.D.	
W. H. Weidner	
Whitemarsh	
Trinity Philadelphia	
Chas. H. Coon	
Jerome B. Henry	
David U. Wolff	
Cyrus M. Musser	
Heidelberg	
Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.	
Strawtown, Berks Co., Pa.	
Mohrsville, Berks Co., Pa.	
Royer's Ford, Mont. Co., Pa.	
Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa.	
Shaefferstown, Leb. Co., Pa.	
Stoysburg, Berks Co., Pa.	
Reading, Pa.	
115 S. 3rd St., Reading, Pa.	
Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa.	
16-236 N. 5th St., Reading, Pa.	
Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.	
24-420 Chestnut St., Leb. Co., Pa.	
228 S. 3rd St., Reading, Pa.	
136 Willow St., Lebanon, Pa.	
Meyerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.	
732 Mifflin St., Lebanon, Pa.	
Fredericksburg, Leb. Co., Pa.	
Johnstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.	
Lancaster, Lanc. Co., Pa.	
Leinbach's, Berks Co., Pa.	
Collegeville, Pa.	
1024 Oxford St., Philadelphia	
Collegeville, Pa.	
Wyoming, Delaware.	
Arch St., Philadelphia.	
131 Flourtown, Pa.	
15 N. 15th St., Philadelphia.	
Montgomery Square, Pa.	
Fort Washington, Pa.	
1341 N. 7th St., Phila.	
Norristown, Pa.	
Blue Bell, Montgomery Co., Pa.	
223-225 N. 15th St., Phila.	
5622-5629 N. 15th St., Phila.	

⁴⁹) Served part of the year by Rev. J. A. Wickert. ⁵⁰) Supplied by Rev. M. H. Mishler. ⁵¹) Rev. H. J. Welker appointed Supply.

MINISTERS AND
LICENTIATES.

CHARGES.

Licentiate Carl F. Dewitz dismissed to Dakota Classis, Synod of Chicago, Reformed Church in North America Oct. 5, 1895.

Milton H. Sangree.....	Fourth Church, Harrisburg.....	1.....65.....90.....13.....3.....4.....8.....62.....1.....	1.....15.....250.....7.....1.....1.....1.....1.....	\$.....103.....\$.....400.....00.....	10) Harrisburg, D'phin Co., Pa.
John S. Staehr, Ph. D. Prof. F. & M. College.....	New Providence, Columbia.....	2.....270.....155.....9.....10.....24.....5.....241.....1.....	2.....28.....205.....5.....2.....25.....3.....255.....1.....	.....158.....00.....	Lancaster, Pa.
John M. Souder.....	St. Luke's, Lancaster.....	1.....325.....200.....18.....7.....20.....7.....235.....1.....	1.....25.....236.....13.....13.....220.....00.....	.....530.....00.....	N Providence, Lanc. Co., Pa.
J. J. L. Pannebecker.....	Missionary to Japan.....	1.....220.....236.....47.....3.....17.....4.....146.....6.....	1.....23.....23.....23.....23.....23.....62.....570.....	.....130.....00.....	13 N Providence, Lanc. Co., Pa.
William F. Liechley.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....119.....00.....	1122.....00.....
Jairus P. Moore, Ph. D. Newton J. Miller.....	Missionary to Japan.....	.....	.....	.....119.....00.....	10) Lancaster, Pa.
* Geo. Merle Zacharias.....	Without charge.....	.....	.....	.....	Sendai, Japan.
David B. Schindler.....	Missionary to Japan.....	.....	.....	.....	Lancaster, Pa.
Jairus A. Wicker.....	Reedsmouth,.......	4.....413.....267.....8.....3.....10.....18.....306.....5.....	4.....46.....365.....3.....3.....3.....3.....3.....	.....287.....00.....	Baltimore, Md.
Benjamin F. Baumson.....	Without charge.....	1.....150.....70.....6.....7.....9.....6.....105.....4.....	1.....1.....1.....1.....1.....1.....1.....1.....	.....103.....00.....	24) Lancaster, Co., Pa.
Henry H. Sangree.....	First Church, Steelton.....	1.....150.....70.....6.....7.....9.....6.....105.....4.....	1.....1.....1.....1.....1.....1.....1.....1.....	.....103.....00.....	24) Millersville, Pa.
Plautus W. Miller.....	S. S. General Secretary.....	1.....588.....250.....6.....17.....49.....38.....520.....3.....	1.....3.....13.....1.....3.....13.....1.....3.....	.....457.....00.....	24) Reading, Pa.
James W. Meminger.....	St. Paul's, Lancaster.....	1.....180.....110.....8.....8.....8.....4.....148.....3.....	1.....5.....7.....2.....5.....7.....2.....5.....	.....275.....00.....	16) Lancaster, Pa.
J. Stewart Hartman.....	Second Ch., Harrisburg.....	.....	.....	.....	Harrisburg, Pa.
George F. Mull.....	Prof. in F. & M. Col.....	.....	.....	.....	Lancaster, Pa.
Richard C. Schiedt.....	Prof. in F & M. Col.....	1.....275.....33.....2.....14.....23.....14.....256.....1.....	1.....12.....12.....1.....12.....1.....12.....1.....	.....221.....00.....	15) Lancaster, Pa.
Charles E. Wehier.....	Manheim.....	1.....294.....110.....6.....8.....17.....3.....251.....3.....	1.....5.....5.....2.....5.....5.....2.....5.....	.....184.....00.....	15) Manheim, Lanc. Co., Pa.
B. Howard Roth.....	Millersville.....	1.....170.....45.....9.....12.....18.....1.....135.....1.....	1.....6.....1.....1.....6.....1.....1.....1.....	.....125.....00.....	15) Millersville, Lanc. Co., Pa.
Benjamin M. Meyer.....	Elizabethtown.....	1.....111.....60.....4.....6.....16.....1.....88.....5.....	1.....2.....2.....1.....2.....1.....1.....1.....	.....615.....00.....	12) Elizabethtown, Lanc. Co., Pa.
Ellis S. Hay.....	Maytown.....	1.....168.....96.....11.....3.....12.....1.....143.....5.....	1.....2.....2.....1.....2.....1.....1.....1.....	.....1005.....00.....	12) Maytown, Lanc. Co., Pa.
J. Grant Walters.....	Hummelstown.....	1.....19.....40.....7.....9.....21.....23.....156.....1.....	1.....2.....2.....1.....2.....1.....1.....1.....	.....630.....00.....	12) Hummelst'n, Dauph. Co., Pa.
Frank L. Kerr.....	Shoop's.....	1.....141.....100.....10.....2.....9.....3.....102.....1.....	1.....2.....2.....1.....2.....1.....1.....1.....	.....125.....00.....	13) Penbrook, Dauph. Co., Pa.
William Yenser.....	Marietta.....	1.....141.....100.....10.....2.....9.....3.....102.....1.....	1.....1.....1.....1.....1.....1.....1.....1.....41.....00.....	16) Marietta, Lanc. Co., Pa.
.....614.....00.....	16) Marietta, Lanc. Co., Pa.
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Ministers 38.....	41.....6294.....3037.....255.....146.....322.....175.....5015.....86.....	44.....168.....42.....800.....6430.....8.....\$.....5310.....00.....\$.....23925.....88.....320.....

E. Susquehanna Clas.	Rudolph Huenger, D. D.	Betried.	.....	.....	.....
A. B. Loeffenstein.....	Mahanoy.....	5.....400.....230.....44.....33.....3.....3.....379.....27.....	1.....17.....7.....17.....7.....17.....7.....17.....7.....	.....46.....217.....	5) Ashland, Schuykill Co., Pa.
George B. Lechert.....	Nunidah.....	5.....240.....210.....9.....10.....15.....15.....255.....15.....	1.....12.....3.....12.....3.....12.....3.....12.....3.....	.....135.....00.....	26) Mahanoy, North'd, Co., Pa.
Christian H. Mutschler.....	Sunbury.....	1.....325.....132.....13.....13.....13.....13.....252.....13.....	1.....9.....1.....9.....1.....9.....1.....9.....1.....	.....700.....00.....	18) Catawissa, Columbia Co., Pa.
Simon P. Brown.....	Augasta.....	1.....274.....130.....18.....6.....4.....4.....252.....3.....	1.....3.....4.....3.....4.....3.....4.....3.....	.....609.....00.....	10) Sunbury, North'd Co., Pa.
Nathan W. Sechrist.....	Uniontown.....	1.....450.....200.....12.....27.....27.....27.....340.....2.....	1.....12.....4.....12.....4.....12.....4.....12.....4.....	.....820.....00.....	10) Uniontown, Dauphin Co., Pa.
John A. Danner.....	Ringtown.....	1.....447.....216.....69.....56.....56.....56.....340.....2.....	1.....6.....3.....6.....3.....6.....3.....6.....3.....	.....346.....00.....	29) Pillow, Dauphin Co., Pa.
Joseph H. Schimpich.....	Mt. Carmel.....	1.....265.....180.....27.....3.....27.....7.....298.....40.....	1.....6.....24.....6.....24.....6.....24.....6.....24.....	.....101.....00.....	16) Ringtown, Schuykill Co., Pa.
Raymond E. Butz.....	Line Mountain.....	1.....223.....280.....30.....14.....5.....5.....252.....14.....	1.....9.....4.....9.....4.....9.....4.....9.....4.....	.....140.....00.....	16) Mt. Carmel, North'd Co., Pa.
Charles B. Schneider.....	Catawissa.....	1.....161.....75.....23.....13.....13.....13.....146.....7.....	1.....15.....166.....1.....15.....166.....1.....15.....	.....1100.....00.....	12) Ashland, Schuykill Co., Pa.
John J. Stauffer.....	Shamokin.....	1.....734.....630.....130.....23.....45.....23.....613.....1.....	1.....1.....26.....1.....1.....26.....1.....1.....	.....1165.....00.....	12) Catawissa, Columbia Co., Pa.
Lewis D. Steckel.....	Tyke's Valley.....	1.....4538.....440.....257.....3.....42.....2.....42.....2.....	1.....17.....3.....17.....3.....17.....3.....17.....3.....	.....1035.....00.....	20) Shamokin, North'd Co., Pa.
Isaac M. Schaeffer.....	Tower City.....	1.....124.....80.....6.....7.....7.....1.....78.....1.....	1.....4.....3.....4.....3.....4.....3.....4.....	.....520.....00.....	17) Elizabethville, Dauphin Co., Pa.
Samuel F. Hartzel.....	Ashland.....	1.....406.....374.....55.....15.....15.....15.....381.....44.....	1.....10.....14.....10.....14.....10.....14.....10.....	.....1455.....00.....	15) Lyons, Dauphin Co., Pa.
John W. Reinecke.....	Armstrong Valley.....	1.....253.....151.....24.....12.....12.....12.....162.....8.....	1.....8.....8.....8.....8.....8.....8.....8.....	.....1455.....00.....	21) Enders, Dauphin Co., Pa.
Oliver F. Shaeffer.....	Millersburg.....	1.....814.....208.....10.....1.....1.....1.....23.....2.....	1.....7.....3.....7.....3.....7.....3.....7.....	.....214.....00.....	18) Millersburg, Dauphin Co., Pa.,
Vaca.....	Deep Creek.....	1.....268.....94.....33.....25.....4.....223.....2.....	1.....17.....5.....17.....5.....17.....5.....	.....82.....00.....	25) Hegins, Schuykill Co., Pa.
Samuel Kuhn.....	Maurville.....	1.....1.....1.....1.....1.....1.....1.....1.....	1.....1.....1.....1.....1.....1.....1.....	.....	.....
Retired.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Supply—O. F. Schaeffer.....	St. Michael's.....	1.....1.....1.....1.....1.....1.....1.....1.....	1.....1.....1.....1.....1.....1.....1.....	.....8.....00.....	100.....00.....

ⁱⁱ) Rev. George Merlo Zacharias dismissed to Maryland Classis, Synod of the Potomac, Oct. 5, 1895. ^f Rev. Rufus W. Miller dismissed to Shenykliu Classis, Eastern Classis, Eastern Synod, June 11, 1894. Received—Rev. Samuel Kuhn from West Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod, June 13, 1894.

CHARGES.

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES		CHARGES.		Post Office Address.	
Supply By Committee....		Congregations.	Contributions.	Minutes of Synod.	
" I. M. Schaeffer....		Members.	Benevolent Purposes.	Stud. for Ministry.	
Ministers 18.....		Members remanndered.	Congregational Purposes.	Sunday School Scholars.	
<i>W. Susquehanna Cl</i>		Adults.	General Benevolent.	Sunday Schools.	
Daniel M. Wolf, D. D.		Infants.	Erasure of Names.	Officers and Teachers.	
William W. Clouser....		Children.	Excommunicated.	Debts.	
William A. Haas....			Dismissed.		
William M. Landis....					
John Doiterer....					
Albert A. Black....					
Samuel H. Eisenberg....					
James R. Brown....					
J. Sidney Kohler....					
*Irwin W. Hendrichs....					
F. Wilson Brown....					
Samuel L. Whitmore....					
Tilghman Derr....					
Marion L. Piro....					
Jones Kilby Jersey....					
Charles M. Smith....					
R. Leighton Gerhart D D					
Glorney Weber....					
H. H. Spain....					
Supply.....					
Ministers 19.....					
<i>Goshenhoppen Classis</i>					
Clement Z. Weiser, D D	Without Charge.				
L. Kryder Evans....	Trinity, Pottstown.				
August L. Dechant....	Without Charge.				
Simon M. K. Huber....					
Eli Kehler, D. D....					
Isaac S. Stahr....					

f) Dismissed July 4, 1895, to Juniate Cl., Potomac Synod.
g) Dismissed to Zion's Cl., Potomac Synod, June 25, 1895, i) Received July 4, 1895, from Goshenhoppen Cl.

Joseph E. Freeman.....	Boyertown.....	.2	.611	.445	.24	....	.27	....	.10	.422	.11	....	.20	.7	....	.33	.356	....	\$.....	442	16	Boyertown, Pa.		
Lawrence D. Leberman.....	Without Charge.....	.2	.10	.55	.17	.734	.17	....	.4	.25	.5	.129	.614	.4	....	.71	....	Girard Ave. & 7th St., Phila.						
J. Lucian Roush.....	Old Goshenhoppen.....	.4	.973	.430	.37	.25	.2	....	.5	.1	.1	.175	....	.114	....	.1502	....	1502	26	Pennsburg, Pa.				
O. H. E. Roush.....	Roxford.....	.1	.106	.36	.17	.10	.82	....	.1	.49	.25	.1	.198	....	.114	....	.1614	....	1614	12	Roxford, Pa.			
George W. Roth.....	Swamp-Amity.....	.3	.567	.283	.25	.3	.27	....	.6	.3	.2	.12	.284	....	.198	....	.198	....	198	14	East Greenville, Pa.			
George B. Walbert.....	New Goshenhoppen.....	.1	.751	.300	.33	.1	.30	....	.9	.652	.6	.2	.423	.1	....	.145	....	.3071	18	Schwenksville, Pa.				
William B. Werner.....	Schwenksville.....	.2	.476	.139	.18	.13	.20	....	.8	.11	.2	.41	.225	.1	....	.145	....	.3070	18	Spinnerstown, Pa.				
Thos. H. Lembach.....	Grl's Swamp - Chest. Hill.....	.2	.510	.240	.18	.9	.5	....	.5	.50	.2	.12	.2	.60	....	.570	....	.803	18	Hill Church, Pa.				
William G. Engle.....	Hill.....	.2	.335	....	....	....	....	....	.292	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Wilhamarts, Pa.		
J. Abner Hunsicker.....	Without Charge.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Schwenksville, Pa.		
*Howard H. Spohn.....	Licentiate.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Spangsville, Pa.		
Ministers 18.....	—	20	.7740	.3897	.386	.35	.338	....	.165	.6467	.88	....	.77	.237	.37	....	.591	.4670	10	\$.....	5253	16	20194	191
Tohickon Classis.																									
David Rothrock.....	Without charge.....	.1	.165	.110	.3	.10	.19	....	.3	.135	.2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Bethlehem, Pa.	
Levi C. Sheip.....	Doylestown.....	.2	.809	.313	.38	.3	.26	....	.3	.694	.8	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Doylstown, Pa.	
Jacob Kehm.....	Indian Creek.....	.1	.106	.47	.11	.10	.6	....	.5	.24	.4	.18	.45	.2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Sellersville, Pa.	
N. Z. Schneider.....	Quakertown.....	.1	.212	.122	.19	.10	.47	....	.9	.462	.10	.29	.32	.1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	South Bethlehem, Pa.	
Franklin J. Mohr.....	Sellersville.....	.2	.574	.300	.33	.2	.19	....	.16	.576	.3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Quakertown, Pa.	
J. G. Dengler.....	Lower Saucon.....	.3	.390	.130	.18	.4	.20	....	.6	.286	.2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Sellersville, Pa.	
A. B. Kopim, D. D.	Hilltown.....	.4	.593	.330	.24	.18	.23	....	.8	.449	.2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Hillertown, Pa.	
H. F. Seidle.....	Briegelsville.....	.2	.397	.249	.24	.18	.23	....	.5	.212	.7	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Lansdale, Pa.	
B. B. Ferer.....	Reigelsville.....	.1	.286	.172	.7	.4	.17	....	.4	.212	.7	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Briegelsville, Pa.	
J. J. Rothrock.....	Lansdale.....	.1	.254	.16	.62	.11	.54	....	.4	.212	.6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Lansdale, Pa.	
J. G. Dubbs.....	Friedensville.....	.4	.885	.490	.48	.3	.54	....	.13	.755	.6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Coopersburg, Pa.	
T. S. Phillips.....	Durham.....	.3	.565	.340	.18	.12	.8	....	.125	.6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Ingraham, Pa.	
J. W. Miller.....	Without charge.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.10	.3	.250	....	.250	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Richmond Hill, L. I.
Vacant.....	South Easton.....	.1	.282	.192	.21	....	.27	....	.3	.139	.2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
A. P. Ilorn.....	Springfield .....	.3	.500	.200	.22	....	.27	....	.2	.445	.1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Hillertown, Pa.
H. K. Long.....	Tinicum.....	.3	.291	.150	.4	.1	.15	....	.3	.273	.5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Frenchtown, N. J.	
Chas. B. Weaver.....	Nockamixon.....	.2	.617	.275	.22	.3	.15	....	.3	.479	.2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Ferndale, Pa.	
David Scheier.....	South Bethlehem, Pa.....	.1	.443	.238	.35	.3	.34	....	.13	.320	.9	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	South Bethlehem, Pa.
B. F. Luckenbill.....	Trumbauersville, Pa.....	.3	.559	.375	.55	.5	.34	....	.17	.474	.7	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Quakertown, Pa.
B. F. Luckenbill, supply	Leithy's and Sonderton.....	.2	.197	.120	.6	....	....	....	.3	.176	.5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
John Naille.....	Without charge.....
W. H. Hoch.....	—	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Ministers 20.....	—	30	.7913	.4184	.421	.61	.382	....	.124	.6407	.79	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	29752
Lehigh Classis.																									
A. J. Herman.....	Zion's.....	.4	.318	.120	.54	.17	....	.6	.265	.1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Maxatawny, Pa.
W. Jr. Hottord, D. D.	Egypt.....	.4	.1140	.580	.65	.37	....	.7	.940	.9	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Allentown, Pa.
Ahn. Bartholomew.....	Disabled.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
E. J. Fogel, D. D.	Jordan.....	.4	.925	.500	.50	.52	....	.1	.890	.15	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Lehighton, Pa.
S. Q. Wagner, D. D.	St. John's, Allentown.....	.1	.672	.256	.13	.2	.23	....	.23	.492	.8	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Fogelsville, Pa.
Disabled.....	Lenhartsville.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Allentown, Pa.
Benjamin Weiss.....	St. Mark's, Aneyville.....	.4	.620	.300	.25	.34	....	.5	.500	.4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Lenhartsville, Pa.
Jared Fritzinger.....	St. Mark's, Aneyville.....	.1	.160	.10	.14	....	....	.5	.86	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Allentown, Pa.

* Lie. Spohn was dismissed to W. Sisq. Cl., May 22, 1895. † Deceased. Lie. W. H. Mader was ordained and installed as past, in the S. Easton ch. on July 7, 1895.

Mosse, D. First borrowed, reading ... [1.1139] ... 260 ... [0.235] ... 333 ... [0.105] ... 222.4 ... [1.105] ... 291 ... 335 ... [0.161] ... Wash. N. Reading, [1.111]

J. A. Steinmetz.....	St. John's, Reading.....	1,480	375	42	1	15	14	323	4	1	14	11	1	40	350	14	230	\$	2000	14	Reading, Pa.
A. R. Bartholomew.....	Trinity, Pottsville.....	1,520	390	66	3	16	13	313	6	8	12	12	1	42	450	14	44	1450	16	N. 6th St., Pottsville, Pa.	
J. J. Fisher.....	Trinity, Tamaqua.....	1,298	165	37	2	22	1	208	4	1	12	5	19	200	1	100	100	16	10	Tamaqua, Pa.	
W. Donat.....	New Jerusalem.....	1,671	165	60	24	42	6	582	8	5	12	5	34	370	1	491	2510	22	Schuylkill Haven, Pa.		
G. S. Gerhard, D. D.	St. Stephen's.....	1,573	350	60	24	3	25	35	445	12	47	9	25	1	57	50	600	1	480	1800	50 N. 6th St., Reading, Pa.
O. H. Sturunk.....	St. John's, Schuylkill Haven.....	1,353	175	47	1	35	19	275	9	1	12	5	35	273	1	56	500	10	Schuylkill Haven, Pa.		
H. A. Frantz.....	St. John's, Tamaqua.....	2,215	200	23	1	13	16	216	5	1	13	2	57	290	1	91	400	11	Tamaqua, Pa.		
C. E. Bartholomew.....	St. Mark's, Cressona.....	1,258	160	37	1	16	19	218	3	24	5	24	5	54	315	1	117	1457	8	Cressona, Pa.	
H. K. Binkley.....	Without charge.....	1,296	200	23	3	21	4	277	2	1	12	5	55	435	1	153	2883	8	New Berlin, Pa.		
H. Y. Stoner.....	St. Mark's, Reading.....	1,3	232	193	27	6	6	183	2	5	10	3	35	339	1	80	1545	11	Frackville, Pa.		
T. J. Bower.....	St. Clair.....	1,2	227	142	10	12	21	20	218	6	1	12	2	1	432	1	414	3056	10	Reading, Pa.	
J. L. Good, D. D.	Calvary.....	1,451	400	13	5	37	1	383	6	1	13	2	60	600	1	500	2200	10	Reading, Pa.		
J. L. Krebs.....	St. Andrew's.....	1,315	208	54	1	24	3	241	31	1	12	2	36	22	1	35	735	12	Tremont, Pa.		
W. J. Muir.....	Trinity, Shenandoah.....	1,364	290	44	2	8	2	580	3	1	15	2	15	290	1	95	1100	10	Shenandoah, Pa.		
R. O'Boyle.....	Second Reformed, Reading.....	1,610	300	121	5	20	30	107	16	1	12	2	58	422	3	7120	1300	18	Reading, Pa.		
S. R. Bridenbaugh.....	St. Thomas.....	1,214	90	35	1	10	31	166	8	10	12	2	35	380	1	31	1672	8	Reading, Pa.		
J. P. Stein.....	Missionary.....	1,212	103	24	10	20	26	183	1	13	1	2	12	47	1	480	52	1350	20	Sendai, Japan.	
H. K. Miller.....	Faith and St. James.....	1,275	260	22	22	22	1	325	6	1	12	2	26	305	1	61	2730	10	Reading, Pa.		
F. B. Hahn.....	Hamburg.....	1,291	150	24	24	8	15	170	1	10	7	1	20	215	1	79	1128	10	Hamburg, Pa.		
George W. Gerhard.....	First Reformed, Pottsville.....	1,1	110	60	17	10	2	81	4	1	12	2	20	215	1	50	1300	6	Pottsville, Pa.		
W. H. Herbert.....	Emmanuel's.....	1,2	266	120	18	23	23	229	3	1	12	2	29	154	1	54	350	8	Minersville, Pa.		
C. D. Yost.....	Without charge.....	1,2	405	340	44	2	2	202	3	76	9	1	2	29	1	54	882	7	Reading, Pa.		
George E. Addams.....	Orwigsburg.....	1,2	86	35	4	2	3	15	170	1	10	7	1	20	215	1	50	1375	6	Leesport, Pa.	
Edward S. Bromer.....	Pine Grove.....	1,2	170	160	24	24	11	159	15	1	12	2	29	150	1	10	175	12	Orwigsburg, Pa.		
Elmer S. Noll.....	Olivet.....	1,2	474	260	20	24	5	140	5	1	12	2	29	155	1	10	110	12	Pine Grove, Pa.		
Daniel W. Albright.....	Without charge.....	1,2	470	120	18	24	5	140	5	1	12	2	29	150	1	10	110	12	Reading, Pa.		
*David P. LeFever.....	Leesport.....	1,2	42	25	9	1	10	2	40	1	12	2	1	12	1	9	150	10	Leesport, Pa.		
Vacant.....	Christ Congregation.....	1,2	40	35	4	10	1	40	1	12	2	1	12	1	10	110	10	100	10	Reading, Pa.	
†J. J. Fisher.....	St. Peter's.....	1,2	40	35	4	10	1	40	1	12	2	1	12	1	10	110	10	100	10	Reading, Pa.	
Lie. W. D. Happel.....	Ministers #2.....	53	13447	8240	1033	42700	1	426	1122	216	513	321	54	1277	11653	8	23873	\$	55697	335	Wyoming Classis.
Public Elias S. Noll.....																					

Alfred Houtz.

A. M. Masonheimer.....	Orangeville.....	4	331	112	10	4	8	9	277	6	13	9	2	55	235	1	225	225	4	974	8
Daniel E. Shoedler.....	Weatherly.....	2	500	275	35	23	13	13	270	8	10	18	1	25	400	1	625	625	12	Orangeville, Colum. Co., Pa.	
George S. Sorber.....	Paradise.....	2	470	237	9	2	3	5	270	12	8	8	3	42	293	2	665	665	12	Weatherly, Carbon Co., Pa.	
Jacob B. Kuschner.....	Watsontown.....	2	346	152	9	1	2	1	268	12	8	8	3	40	340	1	341	341	12	Turbotville, North Co., Pa.	
George W. Kuschner.....	Conyngham.....	4	847	505	60	60	2	25	6	635	11	18	2	45	425	2	340	340	12	Watsontown, North Co., Pa.	
David W. Elbert.....	Christ Church, Payette, N. Y.	1	108	29	2	1	1	4	9	268	10	4	3	1	34	271	1	383	383	12	Fayette, Seneca Co., N. Y.
W. D. Donat.....	Milton.....	1	406	149	13	4	4	9	278	3	1	12	2	3	1	80	1	393	393	12	W. D. Donat, Milton, Pa.
C. W. Siegel.....	Wapwallopen.....	6	517	308	29	20	1	494	3	2	6	6	401	1	375	375	1070	22	Wapwallopen, Pa.		
H. A. L. Benner.....	Plymouth.....	1	125	121	29	7	4	98	3	3	6	6	15	81	1	85	85	239	239	Plymouth, Luzerne Co., Pa.	
W. A. Shindlebine.....	Freeland.....	2	471	335	46	2	39	42	374	3	14	6	3	28	389	1	311	311	2273	18	Freeland, Pa.
G. H. Brandt.....	Seranton.....	1	69	35	1	3	8	50	50	1	3	3	1	9	39	1	30	1936	9	Seranton, Pa.	
Bloomsburg.....	Bloomsburg.....	1	204	106	12	3	10	19	172	3	19	4	1	24	183	1	255	255	1493	8	Bloomsburg, Pa.

* Received from Mercersburg Classic, Aug. 28, 1895. † Supply. ‡ Dismissed to Wyoming Classic, at annual meeting. § Dismissed to Lebanon Classic, October 14, 1895.

x Dismissed to Wyoming Classic, at annual meeting. y Dismissed to Wyoming Classic, at annual meeting. z Dismissed to Wyoming Classic, at annual meeting.

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MINISTERS AND
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Miami Classics

William A. Hale, D. D.	1st Church, Dayton	...1..	.700	...12..	.14..	.29..	28	.57..	.8..	...5..	.5..	.1..	.40..	.30..	...134..	\$.....	5371..	25..	Dayton, O.	
Charles E. Miller	Trinity, Dayton	...1..	.381	...15..	.4..	.8..	.21..	.30..	.31..	.12..	.3..	.1..	.21..	.27..	185..	.....	5270..	20..	Dayton, O.
Vacant	Church, Dayton	...1..	.208	...28..	.5..	.5..	.51..	.17..	.17..	.8..	.2..	.1..	.27..	.26..	17..	.....	1923..	21..	Dayton, O.
Henry M. Herman, D. D.	1st Reformed, Miamisburg	...1..	.350	...86..	.26..	.4..	.16..	.12..	.31..	.14..	.6..	.8..	.246..	.250..	290..	.....	1750..	12..	Miamisburg, O.
Martin L. Fox	Nenia	...1..	.236	...10..	.4..	.6..	.38..	.6..	.290..	.4..	.10..	.3..	.23..	.290..	260..	.....	1400..	12..	Xenia, O.
Benjamin Keller	West Alexandria	...1..	.317	...13..	.4..	.9..	.12..	.17..	.31..	.12..	.3..	.54..	.451..	.1..	73..	2954..	25..	West Alexandria, O.		
Reuben F. Shultz	Fairfield	...1..	.411	...47..	.2..	.25..	.36..	.19..	.35..	.4..	.21..	.4..	.376..	.1..	73..	1338..	20..	Fairfield, O.		
Samuel L. Rankin	Union	...1..	.274	...10..	.29..	...11..	.18..	...23..	.20..	.16..	.33..	.3..	.81..	.38..	78..	733..	20..	Dalton, O.		
Vacant	Bethel	...1..	.132	...4..	.132..	...45..	...1..	.128..	.17..	.17..	.94..	.5..	.3..	.32..	.165..	16..	400..	16..	Hamilton, O.	
Samuel E. Neikirk	1st Reformed, Hamilton	...1..	.128	...7..	.1..	.222..	.1..	.128..	.17..	.17..	.14..	.4..	.2..	.20..	.217..	60..	1229..	16..	Arcanum, O.	
George V. Walker	New Madison	...1..	.21	...29..	.71..	.1..	.17..	.21..	.1..	.15..	.8..	.1..	.4..	.4..	.202..	1..	108..	130..	Farmersville, O.	
Charles E. Ewing	Parmaerville	...1..	.21	...29..	.71..	...2..	.1..	.17..	.21..	.1..	.154..	.4..	.4..	.6..	.2..	.33..	199..	129..	170..	Tremont City, O.
	Winchester	...1..	.9	...20..	.3..	...12..	.21..	...9..	.148..	.3..	...4..	.2..	...3..	.33..	.242..	1..	108..	130..	108..	Springboro, O.
Henry H. Sandoe	Remont City	...1..	.204	...20..	.3..	...12..	.21..	...9..	.148..	.3..	...4..	.2..	...1..	.17..	.130..	1..	108..	130..	108..	Remont City, O.
Albert Klinger	Springboro	...1..	.88	...67..	.5..	...4..	.3..	...5..	.90..	.1..	...2..	.1..	...2..	.31..	.180..	1..	108..	130..	108..	Springboro, O.
Elmer E. Weller	Germantown	...1..	.194	...81..	.13..	...2..	.14..	...7..	.184..	.1..	...5..	.2..	...5..	.10..	.6..	507..	14..	865..	14..	Germantown, O.
Frederick W. Hoffman	Beaver Creek	...1..	.314	...62..	.5..	...9..	.15..	...9..	.253..	.5..	...6..	.3..	...3..	.36..	.259..	507..	16..	26..	Alpha, O.	
Bioodus S. Metzger	New Pittsburg	...1..	.314	...85..	.5..	...1..	.1..	...1..	.117..	.2..	...1..	.3..	...3..	.38..	.290..	507..	16..	26..	Boundary, Ind.	
William K. Ludwick	Greenville	...1..	.90	...40..	...1..	...1..	...1..	...1..	.4..	...1..	...2..	...2..	...2..	...2..	1..	100..	100..	100..	Greenville, O.	
W. H. Smith	Litchfield	...1..	.92	...18..	...1..	...1..	...1..	...1..	.4..	...1..	...2..	...2..	...2..	...2..	1..	100..	100..	100..	Litchfield, O.	

* Dismissed to Kansas Classis, Syrof of the Interior, September 9, 1895. † Dismissed to Zion's Classis, Synod of Potomac, July 18, 1895. ‡ Received from Merecursburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac, July 18, 1895. ¶ Received from Schuy'kilk Classis, September 9, 1895.

G. W. H. Smith.....	2	55	28	10	1	28	10	1	10	18	8	21	8	86	7	Dawn, O.		
Alpheus Iden.....	2	28	10	1	1	17	17	1	5	17	15	15	15	50	3	Heno, O.		
Samuel L. Neikirk, sup-	1	17	10	1	1	149	24	2	11	18	2	21	124	99	11	Swander's Crossing, O.		
Scott V. Neikirk, sup-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Solomon U. Snyder, sup-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Harvey L. Hart.....	2	145	45	7	7	145	45	7	2	125	125	2	26	180	175	175	Dayton, O.	
Levi like.....	2	145	45	7	7	145	45	7	2	125	125	2	26	180	175	175	Dayton, O.	
Edward Herbruck, Ph. D.....	2	145	45	7	7	145	45	7	2	125	125	2	26	180	175	175	Dayton, O.	
Michael Loucks, D. D.....	2	145	45	7	7	145	45	7	2	125	125	2	26	180	175	175	Dayton, O.	
Daniel R. Taylor.....	2	145	45	7	7	145	45	7	2	125	125	2	26	180	175	175	Dayton, O.	
George W. Williard, D.D.....	2	145	45	7	7	145	45	7	2	125	125	2	26	180	175	175	Dayton, O.	
Samuel B. Yoekley, D. D.....	2	145	45	7	7	145	45	7	2	125	125	2	26	180	175	175	Xenia, O.	
Daniel K. Fulcason.....	2	145	45	7	7	145	45	7	2	125	125	2	26	180	175	175	North Hampton, O.	
Ministers 28.....	54	5342	1027	.103	.153	.32	.224	.417	.13	.14	.194	.70	.71	.4863	.4	\$4993	\$2751	262

Lancaster Classis.																			
Charles F. Stoner.....	2	427	60	1	4	19	340	16	8	2	50	300	2	272	2	\$745		Basil, O.	
Wm. W. Seemann.....	2	256	82	2	21	13	48	225	7	1	26	159	1	121	1	\$306		1261 Fair Ave., Col., O.	
Solomon B. C. Lair.....	1	293	106	8	5	17	14	213	9	3	19	204	2	287	2			Delaware, O.	
John A. Webster Loucks.....	1	241	60	8	1	20	1	224	4	4	7	213	3	213	3			Somerset, O.	
Vacant.....	2	123	59	3	3	3	3	61	3	3	2	143	8	143	8			Hallsville, O.	
Wm. C. B. Shihlenberger.....	2	230	95	4	6	11	2	125	2	3	3	189	3	189	3			Lancaster, O.	
Phaon W. Snyder.....	1	149	85	6	1	8	6	175	1	5	28	135	1	125	1			Bremen, O.	
John A. Seitz.....	3	225	100	10	1	8	6	175	1	7	3	215	1	125	1			Stoutsburg, O.	
Chas. M. Rohbaugh.....	2	156	59	4	6	10	1	140	1	2	25	130	2	267	2			Thornville, O.	
William A. From.....	2	231	70	7	7	149	7	165	5	3	2	244	1	166	1			Baltimore, O.	
John L. Bretz.....	1	185	44	8	2	111	9	150	1	3	2	24	228	2	231	2			Canal Winchester, O.
Vincent.....	3	100	11	3	18	72	1	13	2	13	2	13	85	2	45	2			Canal Winchester, O.
Peter D. Schory.....	2	170	11	3	18	72	1	13	2	13	2	13	85	2	45	2			Lancaster, O.
George II. Leonard, D.D.....	2	170	11	3	18	72	1	13	2	13	2	13	85	2	45	2			Basil, O.
John Vogt, D. D.....	2	170	11	3	18	72	1	13	2	13	2	13	85	2	45	2			Delaware, O.
James Jeffrey.....	2	170	11	3	18	72	1	13	2	13	2	13	85	2	45	2			Canal Winchester, O.
*G. W. H. Smith.....	2	170	11	3	18	72	1	13	2	13	2	13	85	2	45	2			Hillsboro, O.
Ministers 15.....	20	2616	.820	.85	.47	.144	.117	.2118	.52	.56	.58	.27	.377	.294	.6	\$2508	\$11753		

Tuscarawas Classis.																			
Sebastian C. Goss, D. D.....	2	336	63	7	7	15	10	316	5	14	1	2	37	232	1	\$989	50	16 Wadsworth, O.	
Harvey L. Hart.....	2	200	26	1	9	18	1	193	7	1	3	3	36	270	1	\$111	11	17 Dayton, O.	
Redsburgh.....	2	200	26	1	9	18	1	193	7	1	3	3	36	270	1	\$100	10	17 Crystal Springs, O.	
Crystal Springs.....	1	173	54	11	5	8	6	148	1	8	4	1	23	156	1	\$100	10	17 Wooster, O.	
Vacant.....	1	173	54	11	5	8	6	148	1	8	4	1	23	157	1	\$112	12	17 Canal Fulton, O.	
Edward M. Beck.....	1	152	75	3	1	3	1	125	2	3	2	17	102	1	162	1	\$735	12	17 Apple Creek, O.
Arhens E. Baichly.....	1	174	67	14	6	14	5	118	2	6	2	1	100	1	160	1	\$540	10	24 Canton, O.
Otto C. Renier.....	1	904	200	22	20	187	45	650	8	30	1	13	802	1	425	1	\$270	10	24 New Berlin, O.
Emil P. Herbruck.....	1	242	118	11	5	188	4	16	4	2	35	2	255	1	218	1	\$961	10	17 Mohican, O.
Jacob P. Stahl.....	1	165	45	9	29	58	9	160	5	9	6	1	255	1	233	1	\$790	12	17 Lake, Stark Co., O.
Israel U. E. Kunlike.....	1	272	97	4	7	20	6	160	5	9	6	1	255	1	233	1	\$1015	10	17 Massillon, O.
Uniontown.....	3	274	130	23	3	11	3	242	4	10	4	47	230	1	515	1	\$515	12	17 Alfred G. Berkley, Tuscarawas, O.

* Dismissed to Miami Classis.

CHARGES.
MINISTERS AND
DIACONIALES.

* Dismissed to Tiffin Cassis.

*) Dismissed to Allegheny Classis, Pittsburgh Synod.
†) Bethel Charge is now served by Rev. G. E. Metger, Alliance, O.

4) Stated supply. *) Independent congregations.

*) Serves an Independent Congregation. †) Students under care of Classis.

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES.	CHARGES.	Post Office Address.		Minutes of Synod.
		Contributions	Conferences.	
Recent Kirchhefer.....				
John Loosier.....				
Frederick Mosebach.....				
Elijah Edw. Grunstein.....				
Samuel Elliker.....				
Jacob Kuhn.....				
Theodore Sturzahn.....				
Ministers II.				
Members, Conferences.				
Members, Deacons Armed.				
Ministers III.				
Missouri Classis.				
A. Bolliger.....	247	.200	.22	
John Knierim.....	3	.107	.90	
F. H. Wahnbaek.....	104	.72	.12	
Jacob Bonier.....	1	.95	.65	
W. F. Horstmeier.....	1	.287	.208	
John Biery.....	110	.65	.10	
J. G. Fetzer.....	1	.48	.3	
Nickolaus Joss.....				
Jacob Ziegler.....				
Ministers 9.				
Chicago Classis.				
Arnold Heineman.....	189	.107	.87	
Ernest Brunoeller.....	201	.95	.25	
Sigmund Ronneis.....	122	.95	.13	
Carl Rumpf.....	134	.108	.13	
John E. Traeger.....	75	.48	.23	
Frederick H. Drehm.....	98	.74	.7	
Oswald J. Aecola.....				
Ministers 7.				
S. Dakota Classis.				
Fred. Aug. Rittershaus.....	270	.326	.27	
Henry W. Stienecker.....	215	.300	.58	
Peter Bauer.....	263	.329	.58	
Michael Nuss.....	212	.194	.31	
Vacant.....	168	.135	.7	

*) No Report.

MINISTERS AND
LICENTIATES.

CHARGES.

	Baptisms	Addi- tions	Congregations.	Members.	Unconformed.	Members.	Adults.	Communited.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday Schoo- lars.	Stud. for Minis- try.	Contributions.	Minutes of Synod.	Post Office Address.
A. Marion H. Keifer.....	1	386	159	18	5	30	26	338	11	8	210	1	530	00	\$ 1300 00	Greenville, Pa.	
U Oliver Kerschen.....	2	246	158	16	25	25	183	6	20	24	175	1	92	00	780 00	Sharpsville, Pa.	
Joseph H. Apple, D. D.																	Sagertown, Pa.
Frederick Emmer.....																	Crestline, Ohio.
George E. Limbert.....																	Grove City, Pa.
Francis M. Line.....																	Sagertown, Pa.
David B. Lady, D. D.																	Greenville, Pa.
Louis B. Goericke.....																	Sharon, Pa.
*Alfred M. Schadler.....																	New Hamburg, Pa.
H Harvey L. Crow																	
J John C. Horning.....																	
Ministers, 12.....	21	2680	1305	124	25	144	117	2989	63	1	65	40	20	227	1516 23	\$ 14708 00	
Somerset Classis.																	
Benjamin Knopfer.....																	
Hiram King.....																	
Abner R. Kremer, D. D.																	
Berlin	1	251	190	16	11	136	4	11	17	1	11	5	5	2	7	38	Wellersburg, Pa.
Wm. Rupp, D. D.																	Somerset, Pa.
Prof. in Theol. Seminary																	Berlin, Pa.
Addison C. Snyder.....																	Lancaster, Pa.
Samuel C. Long.....																	Glencooe, Pa.
Albert S. Glessner.....																	Rockwood, Pa.
Lewis T. Lampert.....																	Cumberland, Md.
Beaum.....																	Jennerstown, Pa.
Edgar S. Hassler.....																	Wellersburg, Pa.
Daniel H. Leader.....																	Somers, Pa.
Paradise.....																	Berlin, Pa.
Franklin Wetzel.....																	Glencooe, Pa.
Henry Dieckmann.....																	Rockwood, Pa.
Albert E. Traxel.....																	Cumberland, Md.
Eugene P. Skyles.....																	Jennerstown, Pa.
Zon.....																	
Ministers 14.....	38	3485	2306	180	16	143	117	2907	86	1	39	63	29	221	\$ 2320 58	\$ 14612 53	
Allegheny Classis.																	
John H. Prugh, D. D.																	
Grace.....																	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Trinity.....																	Wilkinsburg, Pa.
Butler.....																	Butler, Pa.
Pairview.....																	Baldwin, Butler Co., Pa.
Sugar Creek.....																	Adams, Armstrong Co., Pa.

^{a)} Received from Maryland Classis, Synod of Potowmack, and installed pastor of Meadville charge, July 29, 1895. ^{b)} Licensed June 8, 1895, and ordained July 31, 1895.

^{c)} Received and installed pastor of New Hamburg charge, August 2, 1895. ^{d)} Licensed June 8, 1895, and ordained July 31, 1895.

H. E. Snyder.....	Bethany.....	[1] .56	[4] .60	[1] .4	[1] .1	[1] .51	[1] .7	[1] .1	[1] .11	[1] .55	[1] .7	[1] .1	[1] .11	[1] .55	[1] .25	[1] .00	[1] .25	[1] .00	[1] .10	Butler, Pa.	
Ambrose M. Schmidt.....	St. Mark's Memorial.....	[1] .92	.45	[1] .5	[1] .2	[1] .9	[1] .77	[1] .5	[1] .3	[1] .11	[1] .62	[1] .7	[1] .3	[1] .11	[1] .62	[1] .1550	[1] .00	[1] .2178	[1] .00	Shady Lane, Pittsb'gh, Pa.	
Alpha R. Kline.....	St. Luke's.....	[1] .70	.48	[1] .6	[1] .3	[1] .7	[1] .50	[1] .2	[1] .4	[1] .5	[1] .82	[1] .2	[1] .4	[1] .5	[1] .82	[1] .105	[1] .00	[1] .533	[1] .00	Braddock, Pa.	
Frank Korencz.....	Calvary.....	[1] .117	.93	[1] .6	[1] .3	[1] .17	[1] .80	[1] .2	[1] .4	[1] .5	[1] .17	[1] .108	[1] .4	[1] .17	[1] .108	[1] .86	[1] .00	[1] .970	[1] .00	Turtle Creek, Pa.	
J. W. Wagoner.....	1st Hungarian.....	[1] .297	.66	[1] .26	[1] .3	[1] .2	[1] .239	[1] .2	[1] .3	[1] .3	[1] .12	[1] .12	[1] .3	[1] .12	[1] .12	[1] .773	[1] .00	[1] .773	[1] .00	Iates St., Pittsburgh, Pa.	
A. J. Heller, D. D.....	Grace, Harmony.....	[1] .260	.95	[1] .10	[1] .3	[1] .3	[1] .207	[1] .5	[1] .4	[1] .4	[1] .188	[1] .140	[1] .4	[1] .4	[1] .188	[1] .500	[1] .00	[1] .500	[1] .00	Harmony, Pa.	
A. J. Heller, supply.....	John S. Evans City.....	[1] .125	.101	[1] .4	[1] .2	[1] .4	[1] .107	[1] .1	[1] .4	[1] .4	[1] .11	[1] .76	[1] .25	[1] .4	[1] .76	[1] .400	[1] .00	[1] .400	[1] .00	McKeesport, Pa.	
Vacant.....	1st Reformed Church.....	[1] .70	[1] .70	[1] .2	[1] .2	[1] .2	[1] .65	[1] .2	[1] .12	[1] .12	[1] .1	[1] .9	[1] .35	[1] .1	[1] .9	[1] .287	[1] .00	[1] .287	[1] .00	Warren, Ohio.	
Charles Knepper.....	Supt. St. Paul's Orph. H. Without charge.....	[1] .70	[1] .70	[1] .2	[1] .2	[1] .2	[1] .65	[1] .2	[1] .12	[1] .12	[1] .1	[1] .9	[1] .35	[1] .1	[1] .9	[1] .287	[1] .00	[1] .287	[1] .00	Warren, Ohio.	
P. C. Prugh, D. D.....	Hungarian Missionary.....	[1] .70	[1] .70	[1] .2	[1] .2	[1] .2	[1] .65	[1] .2	[1] .12	[1] .12	[1] .1	[1] .9	[1] .35	[1] .1	[1] .9	[1] .287	[1] .00	[1] .287	[1] .00	Warren, Ohio.	
E. H. Ottig.....		[1] .70	[1] .70	[1] .2	[1] .2	[1] .2	[1] .65	[1] .2	[1] .12	[1] .12	[1] .1	[1] .9	[1] .35	[1] .1	[1] .9	[1] .287	[1] .00	[1] .287	[1] .00	Warren, Ohio.	
M. F. Frank.....		[1] .70	[1] .70	[1] .2	[1] .2	[1] .2	[1] .65	[1] .2	[1] .12	[1] .12	[1] .1	[1] .9	[1] .35	[1] .1	[1] .9	[1] .287	[1] .00	[1] .287	[1] .00	Warren, Ohio.	
John Kovacs.....		[1] .70	[1] .70	[1] .2	[1] .2	[1] .2	[1] .65	[1] .2	[1] .12	[1] .12	[1] .1	[1] .9	[1] .35	[1] .1	[1] .9	[1] .287	[1] .00	[1] .287	[1] .00	Warren, Ohio.	
Ministers 16.....		[15] 2383	[127]	[14] 106	[106]	[106]	[106]	[1998]	[52]	[107]	[48]	[14]	[192]	[14]	[1977]	[107]	\$4,425 00	\$14,942 00	[.34]		
V. Potomac Sy'd.																					
Zion Classis.																					
Jacob O. Miller, D. D.....	Trinity 1st Ref. York.....	[1] .370	.102	[1] .17	[1] .7	[1] .21	[1] .6	[1] .225	[1] .9	[1] .1	[1] .8	[1] .12	[1] .2	[1] .1	[1] .8	[1] .12	[1] .495	[1] .00	[1] .768	[1] .00	Duke St., York, Pa.
Aaron Spanier.....	Trinity.....	[1] .390	.289	[1] .32	[1] .47	[1] .47	[1] .6	[1] .489	[1] .1	[1] .2	[1] .15	[1] .12	[1] .50	[1] .1	[1] .50	[1] .50	[1] .345	[1] .00	[1] .1020	[1] .00	Market St., York, Pa.
Reuben Rauhauer.....	Without Charge.....	[1] .995	.605	[1] .81	[1] .5	[1] .47	[1] .6	[1] .896	[1] .5	[1] .1	[1] .19	[1] .12	[1] .94	[1] .1	[1] .94	[1] .125	[1] .00	[1] .287	[1] .00	Lancaster, Pa.	
Oliver P. Hahnemann.....	Paradise.....	[1] .254	.141	[1] .8	[1] .4	[1] .4	[1] .164	[1] .22	[1] .3	[1] .2	[1] .19	[1] .12	[1] .9	[1] .1	[1] .9	[1] .125	[1] .00	[1] .515	[1] .00	Philadelphia, St. York,	
Aaron II. Leisse.....	Dillsburg.....	[1] .216	.128	[1] .15	[1] .1	[1] .5	[1] .16	[1] .197	[1] .22	[1] .3	[1] .2	[1] .19	[1] .12	[1] .4	[1] .1	[1] .64	[1] .00	[1] .545	[1] .00	Dillsburg, York County,	
Isaac N. Peightel.....	Grace Reformed, York.....	[1] .435	.255	[1] .27	[1] .2	[1] .27	[1] .33	[1] .277	[1] .4	[1] .36	[1] .26	[1] .17	[1] .1	[1] .41	[1] .16	[1] .2	[1] .350	[1] .00	[1] .1350	[1] .00	North Hardyston St., York,
Morgan A. Peters.....	Zion's Reformed.....	[1] .288	.175	[1] .10	[1] .4	[1] .15	[1] .23	[1] .275	[1] .3	[1] .3	[1] .3	[1] .17	[1] .1	[1] .77	[1] .582	[1] .1	[1] .215	[1] .00	[1] .1985	[1] .00	Philadel. St. York,
Francis C. Yost.....	Heidelberg.....	[1] .317	.235	[1] .24	[1] .12	[1] .50	[1] .14	[1] .211	[1] .3	[1] .3	[1] .3	[1] .17	[1] .1	[1] .77	[1] .582	[1] .1	[1] .1767	[1] .00	[1] .1767	[1] .00	Queen St., York,
Gideon P. Fisher.....	Kreutz Creek.....	[1] .280	.190	[1] .9	[1] .6	[1] .23	[1] .13	[1] .339	[1] .4	[1] .1	[1] .8	[1] .2	[1] .1	[1] .8	[1] .100	[1] .1	[1] .325	[1] .00	[1] .1050	[1] .00	Hellam, York County,
Henry Weber.....	Glen Rock.....	[1] .500	.225	[1] .20	[1] .7	[1] .23	[1] .13	[1] .369	[1] .4	[1] .1	[1] .8	[1] .2	[1] .1	[1] .8	[1] .230	[1] .1	[1] .182	[1] .00	[1] .1057	[1] .00	Shrewsbury, " "
Charles P. Kehl.....	St. John's.....	[1] .33	.54	[1] .9	[1] .4	[1] .10	[1] .71	[1] .95	[1] .1	[1] .2	[1] .3	[1] .2	[1] .1	[1] .2	[1] .3	[1] .2	[1] .16	[1] .00	[1] .202	[1] .00	Red Lion, " "
Charles P. Kehl, supply.....	Mt. Pleasant.....	[1] .14	.70	[1] .5	[1] .4	[1] .14	[1] .1	[1] .95	[1] .1	[1] .2	[1] .3	[1] .2	[1] .1	[1] .2	[1] .3	[1] .2	[1] .30	[1] .00	[1] .400	[1] .00	Wm. H. Loose.....
Ministers 13.....		[33] 46422592	[277]	[46] 255	[134]	[3379]	[33]	[109] 118	[46]	[367]	[4749]	[5]	[3527]	[00]	[815896	[00]					
Maryland Classis.																					
Joseph W. Sautley, D. D.....	Without Charge.....																				
George L. Stailey, D. D.....	Ey. Ref. Ch., Frederick.....																				
E. R. Eschbach, D. D.....	Clearspring.....																				
William Goodrich.....	Zion's Ch., Hagerstown.....																				
J. Spangler Leffler, D. D.....	First Church, Middletown.....																				
John T. Lissner, D. D.....	Anthony Shulerberger.....																				
F. Franklin Hoffmeier.....	Conrad Clever, D. D.....																				
Silas M. French.....	Jacob B. Kirschner.....																				
Louis F. Zinkin.....	Prison Chaplain.....																				
E. Ramson Leatriek.....	Trinity.....																				
Barton R. Carnahan.....	Mt. Moriah.....																				
Calvin S. Slagle.....	Westminster.....																				

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES.		CHARGES.		CONTRIBUTIONS.	
NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
George A. Snyder.....	Christ Ch., Hagerstown.....	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25
Adam S. Weier.....	Faith.....	.24	.22	.22	.22
George A. Whitmore.....	Thurmont.....	.22	.20	.258	.20
Grace.....	Grace.....	.46	.40	.40	.40
Thomas G. Apple.....	Jefferson.....	.43	.40	.40	.40
Harry F. Dittmar.....	Boonsboro.....	.21	.17	.12	.12
Wm. Snyder.....	Sabillasville.....	.24	.21	.15	.15
James R. Lewis.....	St. Stephen's.....	.21	.19	.17	.17
Chas. W. Levan.....	Carroll.....	.24	.22	.22	.22
Hiram J. Alister.....	Glaide.....	.21	.18	.15	.15
Avril Connor.....	Cavetown.....	.23	.15	.15	.15
A. Sanite.....	Christ.....	.21	.16	.11	.11
William L. Stewart.....	Manor.....	.24	.24	.14	.14
Isaac M. Motter.....	Manchester.....	.21	.19	.15	.15
Samuel M. Roeder.....	Church of Incarnation.....	.23	.353	.247	.25
Vacant C. Sykes.....	Burkittsville.....	.21	.14	.14	.14
William C. Bateman.....	Taneytown.....	.21	.300	.150	.18
K. Ohio Spessard.....	Union Bridge.....	.23	.291	.110	.7
A. F. Breisbach, Ph. D.....	Silver Run.....	.21	.515	.305	.26
Simon S. Miller.....	Mt. Pleasant.....	.21	.165	.106	.15
Christopher Noss.....	Fairview.....	.21	.56	.30	.4
Vacant.....	Grace, Baltimore.....	.21	.32	.3	.3
Lie. Joseph H. Apple, Jr.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lie. Harry W. Wissler.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lie. Fred. Wm. Baldwin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ministers 39.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mercersburg Classics.					
Wm. M. Deatrick, D. D.....	Without Charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jacob H. Hassler, D. D.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
William C. Crearer, D. D.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Franklin P. Bahner, D. D.....	Without Charge.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. W. Aufmuthbaugh, D. D.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Igeo, B. Russell, D. D.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jonas B. Shontz.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zwilling A. Yearlett.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon R. Dietz.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ministers 39.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Contributions.					
Congregational Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.		Minutes of Synod.	
Benevolent Purposes.		Benevolent Purposes.		Benevolent Purposes.	
Stud. for Ministry.		Sunday School Scholars.		Stud. for Ministry.	
Officers and Teach- ers.		Sunday Schools.		Officers and Teach- ers.	
Deaths.		Embrace of Names.		Deaths.	
Excommunicated.		Dismissed.		Excommunicated.	
Commended.		Criticized or Reprimanded.		Commended.	
Adults.		Intendants.		Adults.	
Members.		Unconformed.		Members.	
Congregations.		Unconformed.		Congregations.	
Baptisms.		Addi- tions.		Baptisms.	
Minutes of Synod.		Contributions.		Minutes of Synod.	
Frederick, Md.		Frederick, Md.		Frederick, Md.	
Thurmont, Md.		Thurmont, Md.		Thurmont, Md.	
Baltimore, Md.		Baltimore, Md.		Baltimore, Md.	
Westminster, Md.		Westminster, Md.		Westminster, Md.	
Walkersville, Md.		Walkersville, Md.		Walkersville, Md.	
Catoctin, Md.		Catoctin, Md.		Catoctin, Md.	
Alderson, Md.		Alderson, Md.		Alderson, Md.	
Adamsburg, Md.		Adamsburg, Md.		Adamsburg, Md.	
Silver Run, Md.		Silver Run, Md.		Silver Run, Md.	
Sennai, Japan.		Sennai, Japan.		Sennai, Japan.	
Merricksburg, Franklin Co., Pa.		Merricksburg, Franklin Co., Pa.		Merricksburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Port London.		Port London.		Port London.	
Chamberlsburg,		Chamberlsburg,		Chamberlsburg,	
Waynesboro,		Waynesboro,		Waynesboro,	
Greenvillage		Greenvillage		Greenvillage	
Zullinger		Zullinger		Zullinger	
Chamberlsburg,		Chamberlsburg,		Chamberlsburg,	
Meredorph,		Meredorph,		Meredorph,	
Shippenport, C. M. M. & Co., Pa.		Shippenport, C. M. M. & Co., Pa.		Shippenport, C. M. M. & Co., Pa.	

Irvin M. Beaver.....	2	120	148	17	.29	..11	.391	.6	..9	.8	.2	..27	.269	.1	..226	.00	..1575	.00	Marion, Franklin Co., Pa.	
McConnellsburg.....	3	128	.86	.6	..6	..4	..119	.7	..2	..4	..22	..15	..52	.91	..1290	.00	..52	.91	McConnellsburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
McCormich's, Fulton Co., Pa.	1	136	.30	.4	..1	..8	..272	.0	..6	..3	..23	..22	..85	.17	..1902	.31	..85	.17	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
McConnell's, F. Fulton Co., Pa.	3	212	113	16	.14	.29	..17	.172	..3	..4	..7	..33	..224	.3	..519	.03	..519	.03	Port Louisa, Pa.	
London.....	3	136	.30	.4	..1	..8	..272	.0	..6	..3	..23	..22	..85	.17	..1902	.31	..85	.17	London, Penn.	
St. Thomas.....	4	194	.83	.12	.19	.38	..10	.189	..5	..6	..4	..46	..222	.1	..79	.83	..865	.00	St. Thomas, Pa.	
Without Charge.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Henry N. Bassler.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
George L. Zaelarias.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Licentiate, Pr. Mer. Col. ....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greencastle, Pr. Mer. Col. ....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
John M. North.....	2	394	.279	.14	.10	.19	..16	.350	.4	..2	..1	..2	..36	..28	..51	..250	..57	..262	..82	
William M. Irvine, Ph.D.	2	234	.175	.7	.2	.1	..14	.180	.8	..2	..1	..2	..40	..30	..72	..50	..100	..80	Waynesboro, Va.	
Vacant.....	3	133	.62	.4	..3	..4	..4	.104	.2	..1	..2	..1	..18	..105	..1	..72	..60	..254	..65	
St. Paul's of Waynesboro.....	3	133	.62	.4	..3	..4	..4	.104	.2	..1	..2	..1	..18	..105	..1	..72	..60	..254	..65	
Mont Alto	3	133	.62	.4	..3	..4	..4	.104	.2	..1	..2	..1	..18	..105	..1	..72	..60	..254	..65	
Mont Alto, Va.	3	133	.62	.4	..3	..4	..4	.104	.2	..1	..2	..1	..18	..105	..1	..72	..60	..254	..65	
..	26	3407	17.90	.97	.99	..199	..143	2848	.71	..179	.74	..26	..408	2720	..6	..3398	81	\$16775	83	
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Virginia Classis.	
Il. St. John Rinker.....	
Il. Talhelm.....	1	339	.175	.37	.2	.9	..7	.261	.4	..5	..1	..7	..27	..190	..1	\$433	34	..1226	21	
J. A. Hoffheins, D. D. Smithfield & F. W. Shepherdstown, W. Va.	2	249	.27	.8	..1	..1	..1	.23	..2	..1	..2	..2	..35	..120	..1	..64	.98	Martinsburg, W. Va.		
J. W. Rauch.....	2	149	.59	.5	..4	..4	..4	.131	..2	..2	..2	..2	..25	..122	..1	..500	.00	Shepherdstown, W. Va.		
George G. Everhart.....	2	184	.66	.3	..4	..8	..4	.140	..1	..4	..2	..2	..21	..235	..1	..415	.00	Middlebrook, Va.		
John T. Balliet.....	2	117	.70	.5	..4	..2	..3	.14	..4	..4	..2	..2	..16	..80	..1	..103	.00	Hawkinsville, Va.		
Josiah May.....	2	164	.42	.4	..4	..10	..1	.148	..3	..3	..2	..2	..17	..45	..1	..475	.20	Lovettsville, Va.		
T. K. Cromer.....	2	127	.109	.19	..1	..11	..11	.84	..1	..1	..1	..1	..21	..16	..1	..263	.00	Romanek, Va.		
Levi P. Kriner.....	2	181	.70	.16	..5	..2	..2	.158	..1	..1	..1	..1	..29	..98	..1	..135	.14	Mt. Crawford, Va.		
Edinburg.....	2	250	.124	.5	..3	..3	..3	.186	..1	..1	..1	..1	..20	..88	..1	..416	.00	Winchester, Va.		
Harrisonville.....	2	180	.84	.13	..8	..26	..1	.151	..1	..8	..3	..2	..15	..80	..1	..109	.00	Eldinburg, Va.		
Woodstock.....	2	167	.163	.10	..7	..1	..1	.121	..4	..3	..3	..3	..15	..80	..1	..66	.40	Timberville, Va.		
Mill Creek.....	2	110	.97	.10	..7	..1	..1	.10	..4	..3	..3	..3	..15	..80	..1	..710	.20	Mt. Jackson, Va.		
Henry Ditzler.....	2	115	.97	.10	..7	..1	..1	.10	..4	..3	..3	..3	..15	..80	..1	..63	.00	Harrisonburg, Va.		
Silas Garrison.....	2	120	.97	.10	..7	..1	..1	.10	..4	..3	..3	..3	..15	..80	..1	..291	..00	Mt. Crawford, Va.		
A. D. Wolfinger.....	2	120	.97	.10	..7	..1	..1	.10	..4	..3	..3	..3	..15	..80	..1	..1028	..00	W. Va.		
Rockingham.....	2	2390	1173	.30	..17	..24	..167	..20	..17	..16	..27	..26	..184	..3	..2150	..00	\$12338	..00	W. Va.	
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N. Carolina Classis.	
Thomas Long.....	
Jesse W. Cceil.....	
John Ing.....	
Jacob C. Clapp, D. D. Peter M. Trexler, D. D. Michael L. Heidrick, D. Prof. Catawba College, East Rowan Charge.....	4	280	.216	.11	..23	..6	.236	..322	..1	..1	..8	..30	..3	..19	..175	..1	\$245	..00	\$630	..00
Jacob C. Clapp, D. D. Peter M. Trexler, D. D. Michael L. Heidrick, D. Prof. Catawba College, East Rowan Charge.....	4	280	.216	.11	..23	..6	.236	..322	..1	..1	..8	..30	..3	..19	..175	..1	\$245	..00	\$630	..00
Paul Barringer.....	2	224	.238	.19	..6	..7	.271	..11	..2	..2	..2	..2	..236	..1	..165	..3	..160	..00	..498	..00
Joseph L. Murphy.....	2	155	.152	.17	..3	..8	..7	.203	..1	..1	..8	..313	..8	..10	..5	..5	..117	..00	..529	..00
Jacob C. Leonard.....	2	176	.181	.17	..8	..8	..11	.167	..1	..1	..4	..4	..4	..4	..4	..4	..4	..4	..4	Lexington, N. C.
Upper Yadkin Charge.....	2	158	.170	.7	..9	..11	..105	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	Fairfax, N. C.
Central Rowan Charge.....	2	158	.170	.7	..9	..11	..105	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	Newton, N. C.
Newton Charge.....	2	165	.183	.8	..5	..12	..105	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	Danville, N. C.
Guildford Charge.....	2	165	.183	.8	..5	..12	..105	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	Middlebrook, Va.
Julius II. Shuford, Without Charge.....	2	165	.183	.8	..5	..12	..105	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	..1	Without Charge, ..

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W. B. Schaefer.....		Without Charge.....			
M. H. Groh.....					
S. N. Calender, D. D.....		See Board For'n Missions			
Ministers 11.....					
<i>Junior Classes.</i>					
A. Rupley, D. D.....		Without Charge.....		Martinsburg, Pa.	
W. A. Long.....		Hickory Bottom.....		" " "	
John W. Pontius.....		Martinsburg.....		Cessna, Pa.	
Charles Stover.....		Dunning's Creek.....		12th Avenue, Altoona, Pa.	
John F. Moyer.....		Christ Ch., Altoona.....		Schellburg, Pa.	
Simon U. Waagaman.....		Greenfield.....		James Creek, Pa.	
Daniel G. Hebrick.....		Schellburg.....		Loysburg, Pa.	
Ulysses C. Strock.....		Woodcock Valley.....		Charlesville, Pa.	
E. W. Stonebaker.....		Yellow Creek.....		Mann's Choice, Pa.	
Ambrose C. Geary.....		Friends' Cove.....		Orbisonia, Pa.	
James May.....		Sulphur Springs.....		Orbisonia, Pa.	
William H. Landis.....		Orbisonia.....		Orbisonia, Pa.	
Eugene L. McLean.....		Everett.....		Orbisonia, Pa.	
Lewis Robb.....		Trinity Ch., Altoona.....		Everett, Pa.	
Johnon C. Harmish.....		Clear Ridge.....		611 8th Street, Altoona, Pa.	
Fried A. Rupley, Jr.....		Water Street.....		611 8th Street, Altoona, Pa.	
Thomas E. Creitz.....		Huntingdon.....		Clearville, Pa.	
Charles H. Slinghoff.....		McConnellstown.....		Alexanderia, Pa.	
Irwin W. Hendricks.....		Bedford, Pa.		Huntingdon, Pa.	
Faeant J. Jones.....		St. Clairsville, Pa.....		McConnellstown, Pa.	
Larry E. Jones.....		Without Charge.....		Bedford, Pa.	
Ministers 20.....				St. Clairsville, Pa.	
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<i>Portland-Oreg. Class's.</i>					
John Gantheim.....		Without Charge.....		Philadelphia, Pa.	
Salem, Seio., Mt. Pleasant.....		Salem, Seio., Mt. Pleasant.....		Philadelphia, Pa.	
Jacob Muellhaupt.....		Baldwin.....		525 Marion St., Salem, Ore.	
Grandel.....		West Union.....		Ballard, Wash.	
I. Liesmann.....		Astoria and Stella.....		Glencoo, Ore.	
Stanl.....		Seattle.....		Mink, Ore.	
G. Schmid.....		Portland.....		Astoria, Ore.	
J. G. Bleier.....		Washougal.....		Seattle, Wash.	
Th. Wartmann.....		Meridian.....		Portland, Ore.	
H. Hafer.....		Ministers 10.....		Washougal, Wash.	
A. H. Baumann.....				Wilsonville, Ore.	
<i>VI. Gen. Sy'd of East New York Classics.</i>					
Eugen Fuesle.....		New York, Suffolk St.....		76 E. 8th St., New York.	
Louis B. Schwartz.....		Boston, ".....		Boston, (Brookline), Mass.	
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Asher Brunner's.....		Bridgerton.....		Bridgerton, N. J.	
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H. Reichhold	Immanuel	1	148	70	8	.8	4	70	1	4	41	40	\$850.00	
Voegelin	St. John's	1	120	52	70	.15	5	10	.16	5	16	140	\$850.00	
O. Silvius	St. Matthew	1	125	95	70	.14	22	1	20	5	1	20	\$330.00	
H. Michler	Pottstown	3	325	400	37	.69	198	724	.20	5	1	20	\$320.00	
L. Neff	Without Charge	28	7	45	125	1	16	125.00	
E. W. Beyer	125.00	
E. F. Schade	
G. Assmann	
m Linke, Lic.	
f) Faith and St. John's' cong		2	318	342	1052	.15	361	458	503	.35	190	211	24	5400.5
Ministers 21.....		21	6318	318	1052	.15	361	458	503	.35	190	211	24	5400.5
Ministers 21.														
Mr. Maryland Classis.														
Bachmann, D. D.	5th Ev. Ger. Ref. St. Paul's	1	569	453	116	.8	4	400	15	30	.1	25	220.2
Reb. St. John s.	Ref. St. John s.	1	30	2	4	.4	30	5	3	25	210.1	230.00	
Ist Reformed.	Ref. St. John s.	1	573	180	43	.12	18	203	1	5	4	1	60.00	
St. Augustav. Bielefeld.	Ref. St. John s.	1	575	365	63	.16	20	200	1	5	4	1	60.00	
C. Schaefer.	Ref. St. John s.	1	404	193	29	.10	10	12	248	2	19	10	1.18	
Wienand.	Ref. St. John s.	1	447	200	29	.13	20	150	3	6	4	1	50.00	
S. Schmalenbach.	Ref. St. John s.	1	119	150	22	.14	21	108	30	11	15	1.14	150.00	
H. Land.	Ref. St. John s.	1	43	25	2	.9	3	44	1	6	37	13.00	
Wiener.	Ref. St. John s.	1	1766	318	1	.80	100	1284	6	165	83	.8	164.1571.4	
J. Herold.	Ref. St. John s.	1	96	21	5	.30	175	2	3	1	23	175.35	51.00	
Ministers 8.....	St. Paul's.	1	160	85	8	.16	16	100	1284	6	165	83	.8	164.1571.4
Dolev.	St. Peter s.	1	96	76	2	.16	85	4	2	1	7	3.35	36.00	
J. Scheld.	Trinity	1	25	15	2	
A. Limberg.	
J. Borchers.	
J. Herold.	
Ministers 5.		3	381	186	33	.13	30	276	.6	2	3	2	30.210	\$8.87.00
II. Central Synod.														
Erie Classis.														
Trautman.	Pastor emeritus.....	1	71	32	3	.5	7	70	5	3	1	30	
Christ.	BusinessM g'r, Pub. House	1	296	50	20	.18	380	6	13	12	1	36	228.4	
Gustav. Becker.	Euclid.	1	292	229	21	.18	202	85	4	12	2	160	173.00	
Prahl schatis.	1st Ref. Zions Congregation.	1	156	146	14	.7	202	12	1	35	180	140.00	
M. Praktischans.	1st Ev. Ref. Salesm. Cong.	1	229	21	18	.6	202	12	1	35	180	140.00	
In. Wernly.	1st Ev. Ref. Congregation.	1	392	210	21	.1	341	12	16	3	1	240	210.00	
G. Gramm.	1st Ref. Congregation.	1	210	135	16	.17	12	123	.5	10	1	20	165.142.00	
H. C. Roentgen.	2nd Ev. Ref. Congregation.	1	
H. H. Stepler.	
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**) Pastor Emeritus of Zion's Congregation.														
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III. Central Synod.

**MINISTERS AND
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CHARGES.

St. John's Class, 1871.

Philadelphia	1	524	520	.45	—	23	53	.7	—	28	1	40	45	—	6	83	00	\$224	00	20	Carroll, C.
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riedens.	1	540	532	.23	17	12	438	4	20	18	1	25	280	1	530	00	230	00	20	Hartville, O.	
st German Reformed.	1	522	510	.20	240	1	—	—	14	1	29	251	2	—	45	00	1482	00	20	E. Center St., Akron, O.	
st Reformed.	1	200	130	.20	9	—	190	1	—	4	5	22	130	2	—	148	00	1260	00	20	New Philadelphia, O.
y.	1	186	102	.21	6	10	92	2	—	11	2	1	12	50	—	612	00	1267	00	20	36th St., Wheeling, W. Va.
Ref. St. Stephens	1	272	198	.15	—	6	205	2	—	6	3	1	18	220	—	228	00	110	00	10	Orville, O.
Christ.	1	202	122	.15	—	3	125	2	—	1	21	1	15	125	—	42	00	280	00	10	Retvita, Randolph Co., W. Va.
Hebrea.	1	150	245	.14	5	28	13	252	3	—	10	1	15	212	1	68	00	750	00	8	Mt. Eaton, Wayne Co., O.
Paul's	1	250	180	.10	1	18	—	205	2	—	5	1	22	145	—	54	00	450	00	7	Baltic, O.
Good Hope.	1	240	90	.11	—	45	120	2	—	9	4	1	18	100	—	92	00	925	00	12	Bellaire, O.
Agerserville	1	384	322	.20	1	14	—	242	10	—	8	2	39	292	1	386	00	7070	00	16	Ragersville, Tuscarawas Co., O.
Chanesville.	1	280	200	.10	—	14	179	1	—	23	8	2	30	240	—	85	00	1780	00	17	Shanesville, O.
Cone Creek.	1	385	240	.14	8	—	196	—	—	31	2	19	120	1	138	00	1200	00	8	New Philadelphia, O.	
New Bedford.	1	205	78	.17	8	—	175	1	—	13	1	10	225	—	71	00	1179	00	9	New Bedford, O.	
Van Nesburg.	1	235	131	.8	1	1	—	189	2	—	5	3	2	265	—	278	00	523	00	18	Waynesburg, O.
Hillenburg.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	8	2	16	120	1	28	00	239	00	9	Millersburg, O.
Linnarville Cong.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	
root Reader, Publ. House.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	134 Pearl St., Cleveland, O.	

Cincinnati Classics

1) Served since July by Rev. H. Schmitz. 2) Statistics of last year, now statistics missing. 3) Supplied by Classical Mission Committee. 4) Served since July 1865 by M. Vitz. 5) Dismissed by Titus Chassis. 6) Added by resolution of Classis. 7) H. J. Binkmeyer accepted a call from the Millersburg charge. 8) Wm. G. Brether accepted a call from Indiana Chassis.

VIII. Interior Syn'd

Robert F. Oplinger.....Without Charge.....

Ministers 15.....

Iowa Classis.

F. C. Bowman.....Harmony Supt. of Missions.

D. S. Fouse, D. D.....General Supt. of Missions.

Geo. Kettig.....Without Charge.

S. Ream.....Lone Tree, Coneyville.

F. M. Shultz.....Leighton.

J. C. Beadle.....Wilton.

S. Shaw.....Tipton.

D. H. Fouse.....Columbus Junction.

Lewis P. Krome.....Lisbon.

D. B. Anderson.....Without Charge.

D. F. Boomershire.....Maquoketa.

L. C. Summer.....Liscomb.

Boulder.....Boulder.

Brandon.....Vacant.

D. M. Jones.....Without Charge.

G. H. Albright.....

Ministers 14.

Kansas Classis.

F. H. Fisher.....Bethany.

G. W. Remaren.....Fairview.

A. S. Dechard.....Abilene.

A. M. Lewish.....New Basel.

D. A. Winter.....Denver.

J. W. Love.....St. Paul's.

S. Thomas.....Schoenfeld.

H. S. Gekeier.....St. Joseph.

H. Shumaker.....Without Charge.

D. J. Greenwald.....

J. G. Martin.....Holton.

S. A. Alt.....

* O. E. Lake.....

J. A. Novinger.....

Ministers 13.

Wichita Classis.

D. B. Shove.....Superintendent of Missions.

A. Casselman.....Cheney.

Whitewater.....Whitewater.

Supply in North Carolina.....Supply in North Carolina.

Iola.....Iola.

Allen Center.....Allen Center.

Brown Memorial.....Brown Memorial.

Taylorville, Ill.

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COMPARATIVE SUMMARY

of the Reformed Church in the United States, exhibiting the results secured for the year designated at the head of each column, and also for the three years, ending in each instance with the date given :

	1881.	1884.	1887.	1890.	1893.	1896.
Syneds	6	7	7	8	8	8
Classes	48	52	54	56	55	55
Ministers.....	752	783	802	835	885	961
Congregations	1,403	1,465	1,481	1,554	1,583	1,639
Members.....	161,002	169,530	183,980	200,498	212,830	226,572
Members unconfirmed.....	96,147	103,112	108,724	112,186	121,057	125,779
Baptisms infants, given year	13,213	12,665	14,199	14,605	14,526	13,758
" infants, in three years	40,388	38,737	42,299	42,808	42,658	43,075
" adults, given year.....	1,096	1,017	1,741	1,595	1,564	1,966
" adults, in three years	3,362	3,088	4,254	4,569	4,753	5,480
Confirmed, given year.....	9,113	9,233	10,733	10,759	10,758	11,792
" in three years.....	28,240	27,223	30,558	31,483	32,392	33,646
Certificate, given year.....	4,113	5,043	5,582	6,561	7,431	7,267
" in three years.....	12,263	14,046	16,472	18,558	21,045	22,619
Communed, given year.....	132,709	136,897	146,436	155,118	169,314	182,435
Dismissed, given year.....	2,249	2,122	2,551	3,061	3,292	3,483
" in three years	5,791	5,819	7,250	8,700	9,872	10,594
Excommunicated, given year	123	68	38	55	26	27
" in three years	567	227	168	139	122	45
Erasred, given year.....	1,593	1,699	2,381	3,117	3,975	4,950
" in three years	3,869	5,351	6,301	8,640	10,753	13,239
Deaths, given year.....	4,591	4,787	4,638	5,107	6,130	5,693
" in three years	14,482	15,292	14,207	15,250	16,645	16,166
Sunday-schools, given year.....	1,346	1,378	1,422	1,513	1,563	1,644
Officers and Teachers, given year				3,967	13,319	20,096
Sunday-school scholars, given year						
" 103,511	114,720	122,695	138,616	149,023	172,458	
Students for ministry, given year	141	145	186	285	285	304
Benevolent contrib., given year	\$ 73,400	\$ 101,148	\$ 141,122	\$ 161,078	\$ 236,321	\$ 204,401
" in three years	194,869	327,888	382,493	479,625	649,892	676,271
Cong. purposes, given year	639,189	779,572	804,321	874,053	1,060,229	1,066,709
" in three years	1,738,213	2,193,018	2,298,228	2,580,945	3,022,174	3,067,780

NOTE — As the statistical reports of the several classes in the current triennial year can not be obtained in time for the use of the General Synod, the statistical tables of the several District Synods of the *previous* year, as officially ordered, are made the basis for the statistics of the Minutes of General Synod. They are therefore about one year old, when published in the Minutes of General Synod, and somewhat incorrect at the time of the given date.

Yet, bearing these facts in mind, the above comparative statistics will be found to be of an interesting and instructive character, showing that the Reformed church in the United States is making steady and substantial progress, and under the Divine blessing accomplishing commendable results. The growth or increase during the past three years '93, '94, '95—as compared with the triennial summary of 1893 is as follows:—76 Ministers; 56 Congregations; 13,742 Members; 4728 Unconfirmed; 417 Infants baptised; 727 Adults baptised; 1254 Confirmed; 1574 By certificate; 13,121 Communed; 722 Dismissed; 45 Excommunicated; 2586 Erased; 479 Deaths; 81 S. Schools; 6777 Officers and Teachers; 23,435 S. S. Scholars; 19 Students for Ministry; \$26,379 Benevolence; \$45,608 Congregational purposes.

The total number of Ministers given is 961. This does not include the young men who were recently graduated from our institutions. Many of these where licensed but their names have not been added to the statistical table.

STATED CLERK.

THE MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES.

[NOTE.—In order to render this register as valuable as possible, we give not only the name and post-office address, but also the year of ordination and the place of theological preparation. E stands for Eastern Theological Seminary, formerly Mercersburg, now Lancaster; H for Heidelberg Seminary; MH for Mission House; U for Ursinus College Theological Department; Y for York and Carlisle. We have aimed to make it as correct as possible. Those officiating in the German language, or in both German and English, are marked with a 0.]

Accola Dr. O. J., 934 Byron St., Chicago, Ill.....0H60	Bansman Dr. B., Reading, Pa.....0E52
Addams G. E., Reading, Pa.....E59	" B F, Millersville, Pa
Aigner F., South Kaukauna, Wis	Beade J. C., Wilton, Ia
Albright D. B., Mohrsville, Pa.....0E61	Beam H. L., Dakota, Ill.....0B89
" D. W., Reading, Pa.....E90	" Dr. S. Z., Carrollton, O.....0B62
" G. H., M. D., Columbiania, O.....H75	Beaver J. M., Marion, Pa.....H91
" J. H., Hudson, Ind.....H85	Beck E. M., Wooster, O.....0H82
Alspach C. B., 123 Jackson St., Philadelphia, Pa..U90	" J. H., Waynesburg, O.....0H73
" C. L., Wilkinsburg, Pa.....H93	Becker A., 1134 Pearl St., Cleveland, O.....0ME69
" J. W., Altamont, Ill.....H02	" C., Cheviot, O.....0E52
Alt S. A., Holton, Kans.....E84	" C. J., Catawissa, Pa
Althouse C. F., Edinburg, Ill.....E94	Beisser G., Elmore, Wis.....0MB69
Anderson, D. B., Wilton, Ia	Bell J. W., Newburg, Pa.....U90
Andreas H., Siegel, La Crosse Co., Wis.....0MH82	Belser J. W., Upper Sandusky, O.....0H94
Andrew J. D., Danville, N. C.....H93	Benner H. A. I., Freeland, Pa.....U91
Appel R. S., Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa.....071	" L. D., 506 Washington St., Defiance, O.....0H94
" Dr. T., Lancaster, Pa.....E45	Bergey J. R., West Milton, Pa.....E94
Apple A. T.G., 1405 15th St., N.W. Washington, D.C.E83	Berkey, A. G., Massillon, O.....0H86
" Dr. J. H., Charlesville, Pa.....E52	Berlemann Dr., F. W., 341 Fairmount Av., Philadelphia, Pa.....0H70
" H. H., 4123 Powellton Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.E92	Beyer C. E. W., 3059 Lawrence St., Philadelphia, Pa.....0H70
" Prof. J. H., (Lie.) Frederick, Md.....	Biery J. St. Joseph, Station A., Mo.....0H61
" Dr. J. H., Saegerstown, Pa.....E52	Binkley H. K., New Berlin, Pa.....S2
" Dr. T. G., Lancaster, Pa.....E52	Black A. A., Balsburg, Pa.....E81
Arnold J., Sutton, Clay Co., Nebr.....0S9	Bleiler F. N., Stonaker, Pa.....U94
Arpke W., Chilton, Wis.....0MH92	Bloom N. W., Fort Wayne, Ind.....S2
Assmann R. G., 20 N. 42nd St., Philadelphia, Pa.....0S9	Blosser Prof. H. C., Orangeville, Ill.....94
Aughinbaugh Dr. G. W., Green Village, Pa.....E46	Bogart F. G., Waterloo, Ind.....95
Bacher T. J., Lexington, Ky.....H72	Boehler J., Prairie City, Bates Co., Mo.....0ME91
Bachmann A. J., Schaefferstown, Pa.....E78	Boley A., 179 44th St., Pittsburg, Pa.....0U75
" I. M., East Mauch Chunk, Pa.....U94	Bolliger A., Avenue City, Andrew Co., Mo.....0ME68
" J. N., Lynnport, Pa.....0H72	Bollmann W., 39 Rohr St., Buffalo, N. Y.....0ME89
" Dr. J., 1809 Freeman Ave., Cincinnati, O.....073	Bomberger H. A., 2345 N. 21st St., Philadelphia, Pa.....U86
" Dr. M., 202 S. Patterson Park Ave., Baltimore, Md.....E64	" J. H., Columbiania, O.....U79
Badertscher C. St. Marys, O.....0MH75	Bonekemper W., Sutton, Clay Co., Neb.....078
" G., 105 Elsass Ave., Evansville, Ind.....092	Boomershine D. F., Maquoketa, Ia.....E94
Baeder A., Wabasha, Minn	Borchers C., Zelenopole, Pa.....069
Bahner F. F., Waynesborough, Pa.....0U73	Bosch J. H., 59 Washington St., Fort Wayne, Ind.....0H95
Baichley A. E., Canal Fulton, O.....H77	Bower T. J., Frackville, Pa.....E90
Bailey H. S., Centerville, Mich.....H90	Bowling Prof. Dr. J. C., Lancaster, Pa.....E75
Bald F. W., (Lie.) 910 Penna. Ave., Baltimore, Md.E95	Brandt C. H., Bloomsburg, Pa.....U92
Balliet, J. T., Middlebrook, Va.....E89	Braun J. B., Duncan, Platte Co., Neb.....070
Bank Dr C., New Brunswick, N. J.....0H55	" W., Lorain, O.....077
Barber J. W., Martmont, Ind.....H78	Brendle Dr. D. F., Pethlehem, Pa.....0E51
Barkley Dr. T. J., Gettysburg, Pa.....H60	Brensinger M. H., Fleetwood, Pa.....U89
Barringer, Pa., Heiligs Mills, N. C.....H81	Bretz J. L., Millersburg, Ind.....H82
Barth S., 387 N. W. Str., Indianapolis, Ind.....067	Bridenbaugh Dr. S. R., Reading, Pa.....E75
Bartholomew A., Lehighton, Pa.....0E61	Bright H. W., New Kensington, Pa.....E95
" A. R., Pottsville, Pa.....0E77	Bromer A. S., Philadelphia, Pa.....U91
" C. E., Cressona, Pa.....E89	" E., Orwigsburg, Pa.....94
Bassler H. N., St. Thomas Pa.....E94	Brown F. W., Aaronsburg, Pa.....MER81
Bateman A., Taneytown, Md.....H93	" J. R., Stonersville, Pa.....E90
Bauer P., Eureka, S. Dak.....094	" S. P., Pillow, Pa.....E79
Baum Dr. C., Lima, O.....0H70	Bruchlos A., 176 Cabot St., Holyoke, Mass
Bauman A. B., Tom's Brook, Va.....E92	" Greenwood, Wis.....0MH69
" A. H., Oregon City, Or.....0MH86	Brugger L., Norwood, Carver Co., Minn.....0MH81
" E., Hillsdale, Multnomah Co., Or.....0H61	Brugh C. W., 740 Milwaukee St., Detroit, Mich.....E94
" F. C., Zwingli, Ia.....H54	Brunner C., 19 Chapel St., Bridgeport, Conn.....060
" J. N., Jeanette, Pa.....E86	Brunoehler E., 92 Williams St., Freeport, Ill.....0ME83
Baus L. D., Walnut Creek, Holmes Co., O.....0MH92	Buehrer J., 358 Perry St., Tiffin, O.....0H92

Burger I. N., Greensburg, Pa.	.884	Dotterer J., Lamar, Centre Co., Pa.	.874
Burkhalter D., Germantown, O.	.0MH95	Dreher W., 22 Willett St., Cleveland, O.	0MH83
Bushong W. E., Danville, Pa.	.876	Dreibelbis G. A., Payne, O.	.0E92
Butler J. F., Imogene, Ia.	.879	Dreisbach Dr. A. F., Silver Run, Md.	.889
Butz R. E., 1626 Summer St., Philadelphia, Pa.	.890	Dubbs Dr. A. J. G., Allentown, Pa.	.0E51
" Geo S. (Lie) Prospectville, Pa.	.894	" J. G., Coopersburg, Pa.	.886
Callender Dr. S. N., Mechanicsburg, Pa.	.846	" Prof. Dr. J. H., Lancaster, Pa.	.859
Carnahan B. R., Keedysville, Md.	.877	Duenger Dr. R., Ashland, Pa.	.034
Casselman A., Fairview, Kans.	.876	Dumstrey M. F., 92 N. 26th St., Philadelphia, Pa.	0E79
Cecil J. W., Thomasville, N. C.	.65	Dyken P., Sauk City, Wis.	.093
Christ J., Fountain City, Wis.	.0MH86		
Christmann D. M., Fireside, O.	.0E79	Ebbert D. W., Milton, Pa.	.876
Clapp C., Thomasville, N. C.	.877	Ebinger P., Neunmunster, Zuerich, Switzerland.	
" Prof. Dr. J. C., Newton, N. C.	.68	Edmonds E. A., Odell, Ill.	.0H58
Clayton L. B., Boundary City, Ind.	.83	Edmonds L. C., Canaan, O.	.056
Clever Dr. C., 518 W. Mulberry St., Baltimore, Md.	.873	Eickelberg H., Miller Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.	.085
Clauser W. W., White Deer Mills, Pa.	.870	Eisenberg S. H., Center Hall, Pa.	MER79
Coblenz L. E., 407 N. Carrollton Ave., Baltimore, Md.	.889	Elliker G. D., Waukon, Ia.	0MH95
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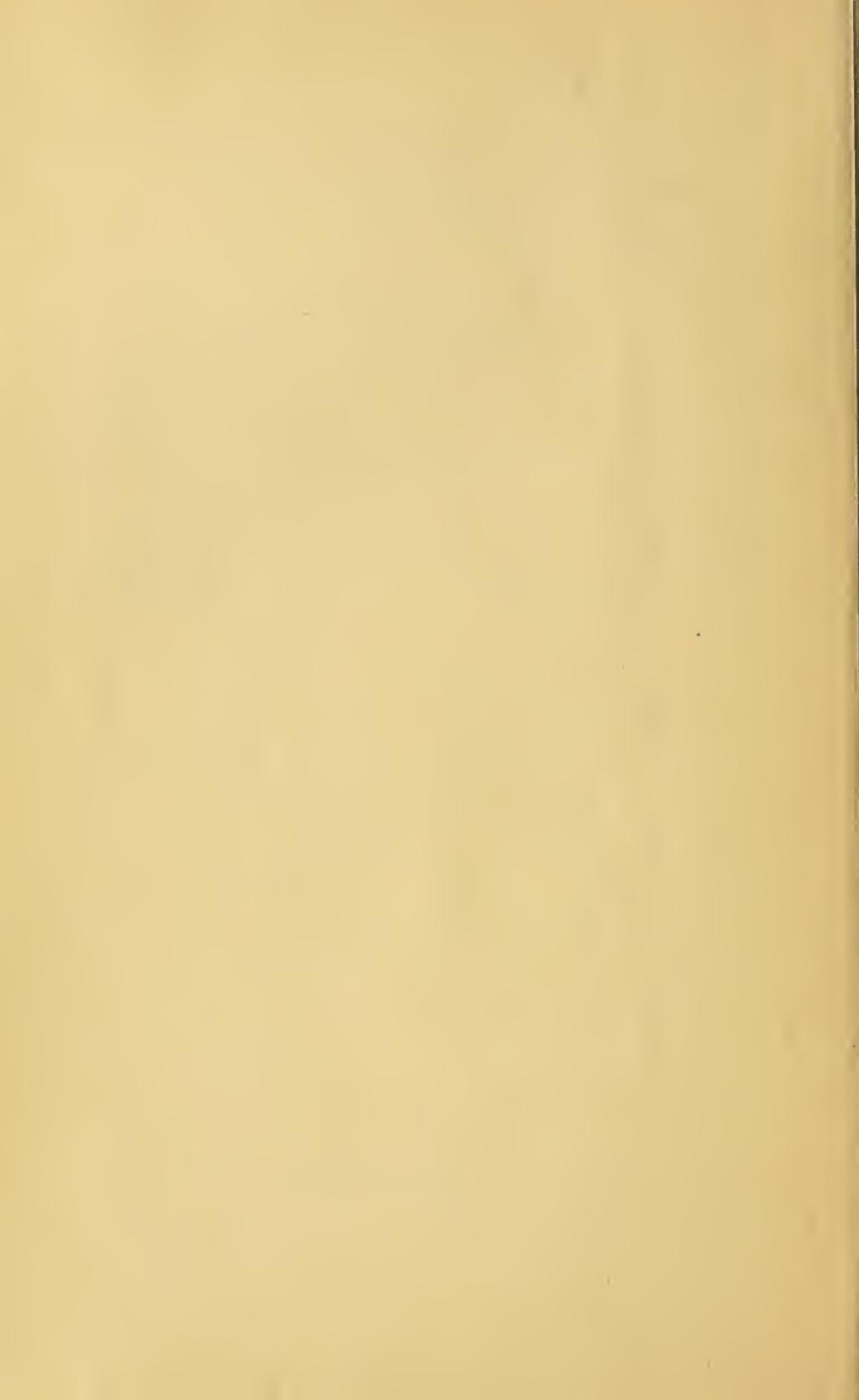
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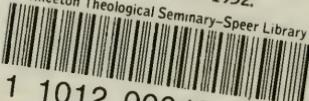
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